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Smart Saddle Leather ZIPPER Billfold!



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Only \$2.98

Men, Here's The Most Beautiful Billfold You've Ever Seen at this Low Price.

You've never known real Billfold satisfaction until you've used this "Zip-All-Around" De Luxe Pass Case Billfold with its built-in Change Fund, its roomy Currency Compartment, its Secret Pocket for extra valuables. A veritable storehouse for everything a man likes to carry with him. Exterior is of smart Saddle Leather designed in picturesque style of the West. Two-tone illustrations are stamped by hand right into the leather itself. A Billfold of unusual beauty with many unusual and enviable features. An outstanding value at only \$2.98 plus tax. SEND NO MONEY. Just mail coupon and pay postman on arrival. If not thrilled and delighted return in 10 days for full refund.



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I enclose \$1.98 in advance with my order. Send the Plastic Compass to me all postage charges prepaid. Please add my billfold order all postage charges prepaid.

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New UNBREAKABLE, Wrist Watch Type Liquid Compass With Luminous Dial

Here's the compass all America has been waiting for. It's similar in construction to the liquid type Airplane and pocket compass used by the U. S. Air Corps. What a compass this is! It's shock-proof! Water-proof! (Freeze-proof!) Made to give superior performance under any and all climatic conditions. Will not freeze at even 40° below zero. Works perfectly under a blazing sun. The ideal compass for everyone—Boy Scouts, hunters, fishermen, hikers, campers, motorists, and all sports lovers. This newest, wrist watch style, luminous, Plastic Compass, sealed air-tight in liquid, is ready to accurately direct your movements all hours of the day or night. Unfailing and unbreakable. Think of it! You can own this remarkable compass for the nationally low price of only \$1.98, complete with smartly styled wristband.

EXAMINE FOR 10 DAYS AT OUR RISK

Take this Plastic Compass with you when you go on hikes, on camping or fishing trips, on hunting or boating excursions, bicycling, or horseback riding. You'll find there's nothing as important and useful to you as a good compass when you need it. At this low price, every man and boy should have this remarkable Compass. SEND NO MONEY! Just rush your order on the coupon below. Upon arrival, pay postman only \$1.98 C. O. D. plus few cents postage charge on our no-risk money-back guarantee. If not thrilled and delighted with the way it looks and performs, return the compass within 10 days and we'll refund your money in full.



Here Are the Features Which Make This "America's Greatest Compass Buy"

- Latest Type Plastic Case
- Luminous "Glow in the Dark" Dial
- Shock-proof, Shock-proof, Water-proof Construction
- Shows Degrees in all Directions
- Airplane-Type "Sealed in Liquid" Unbreakable Compass
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- Newest Wrist Watch-Style Design

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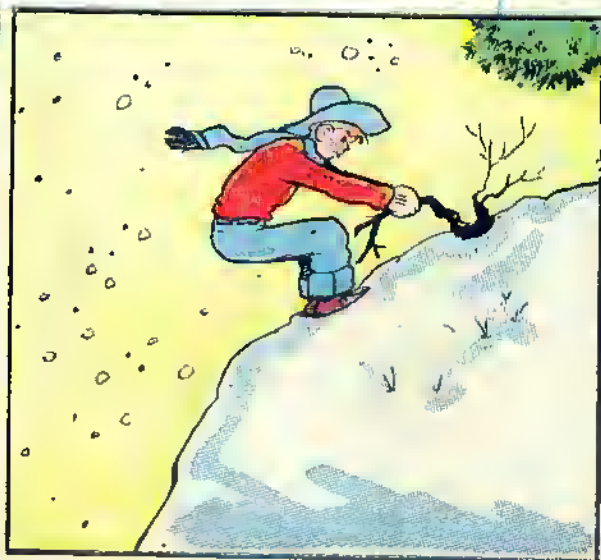
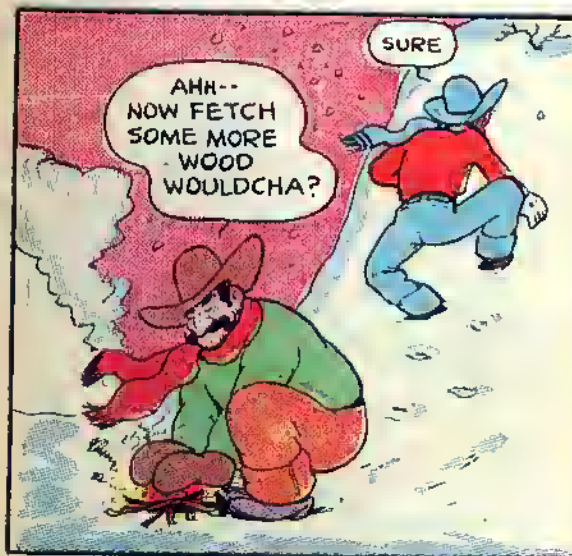
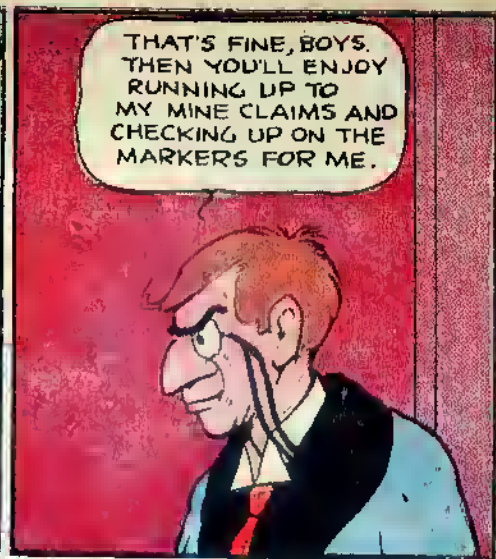
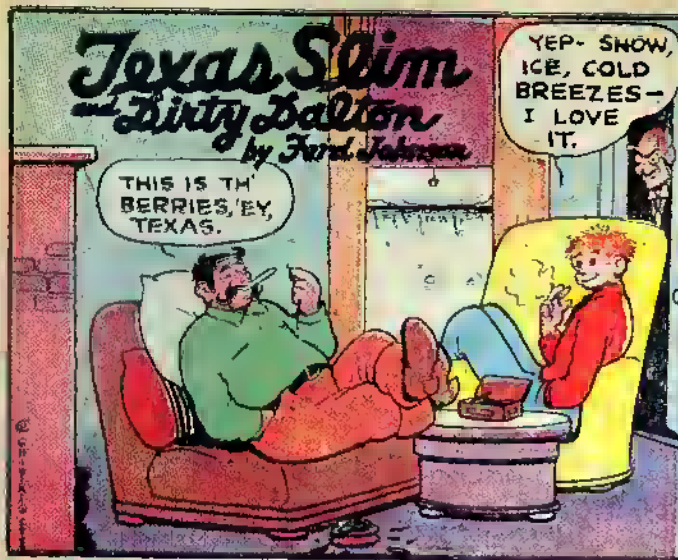
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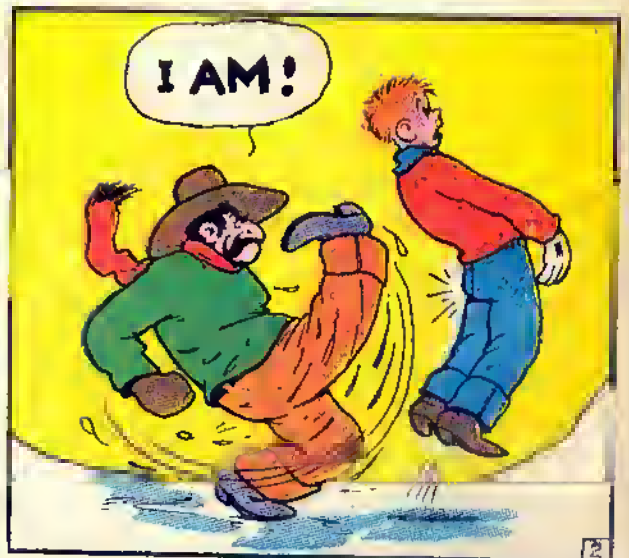
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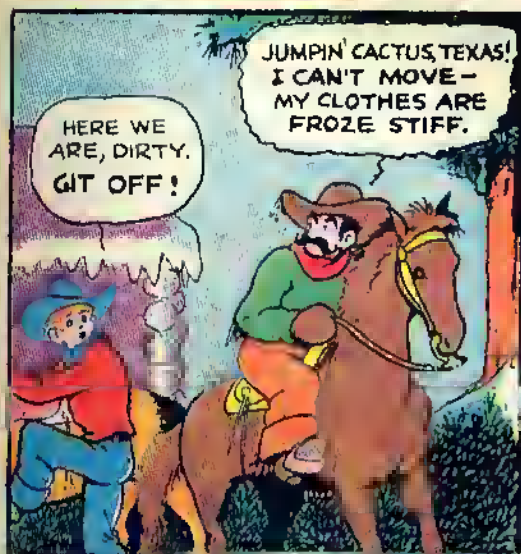
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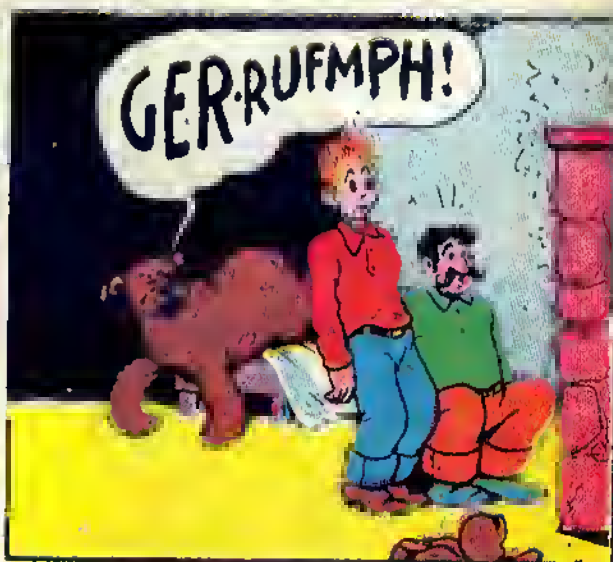
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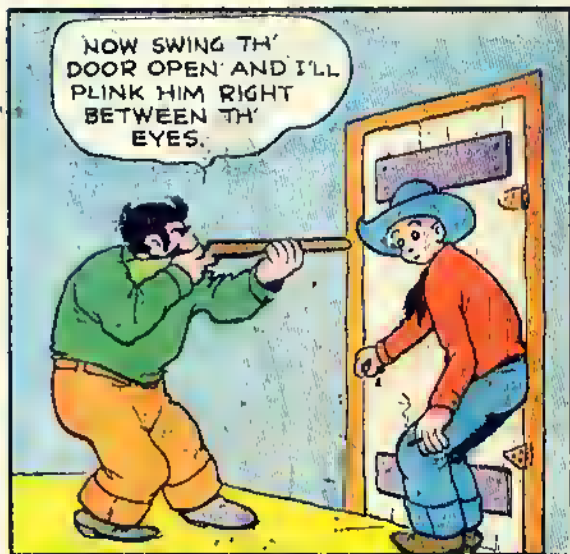
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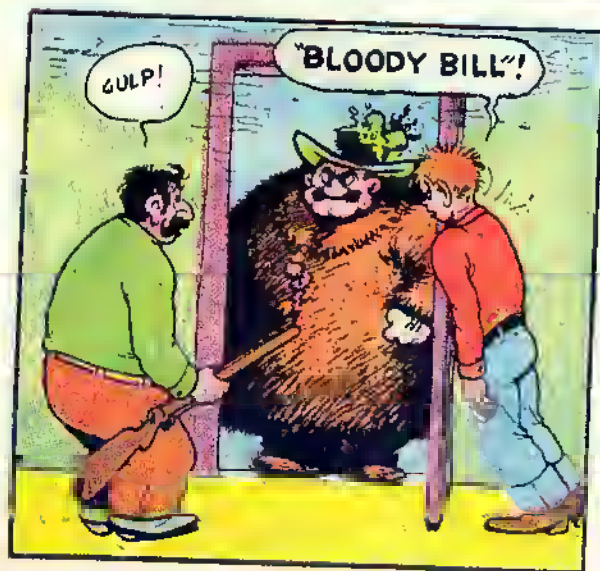
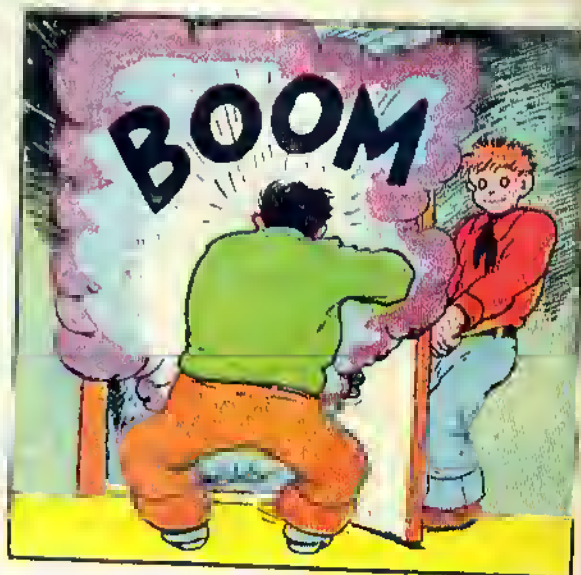




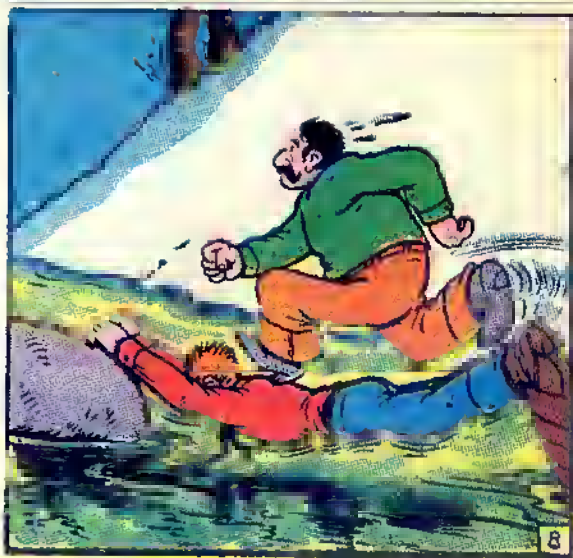
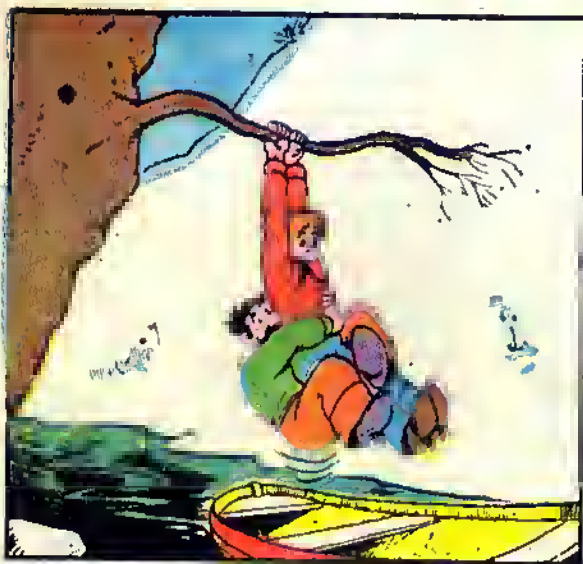


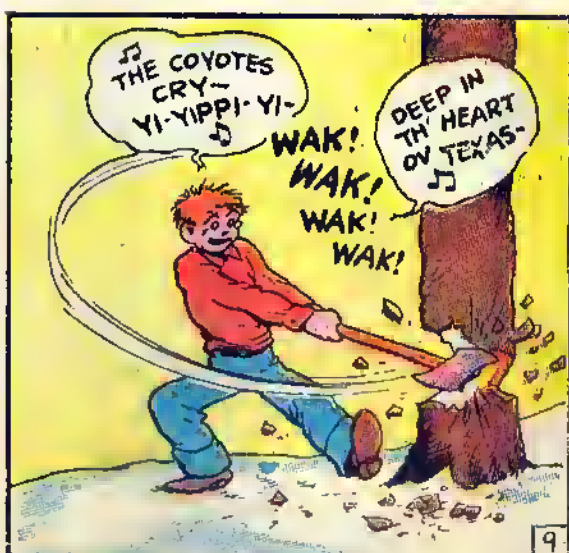


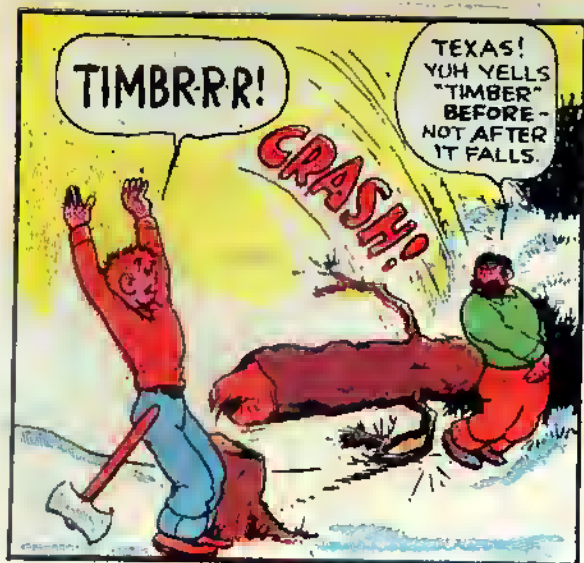


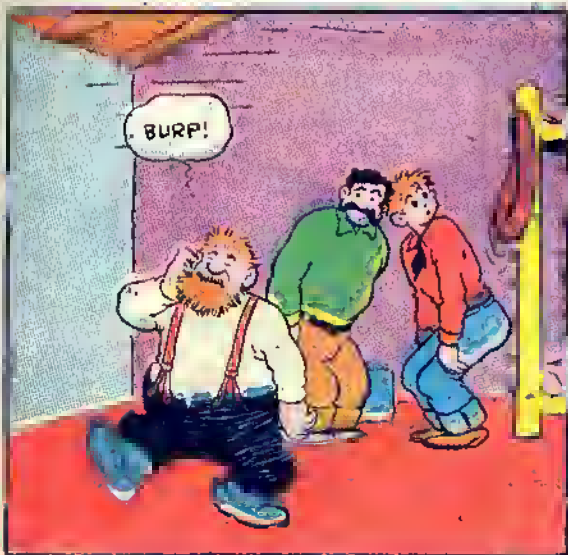
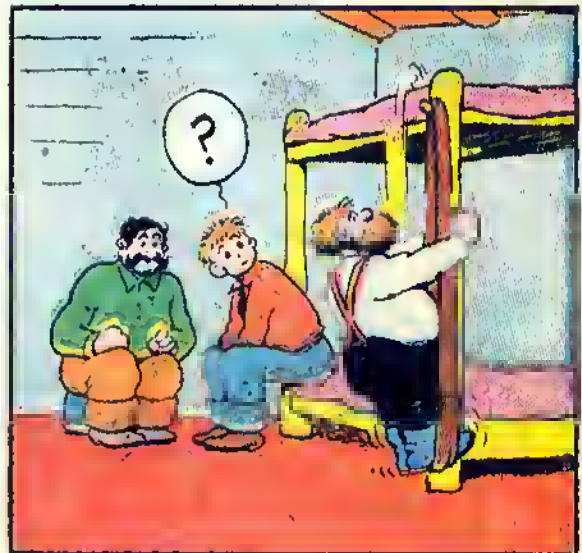
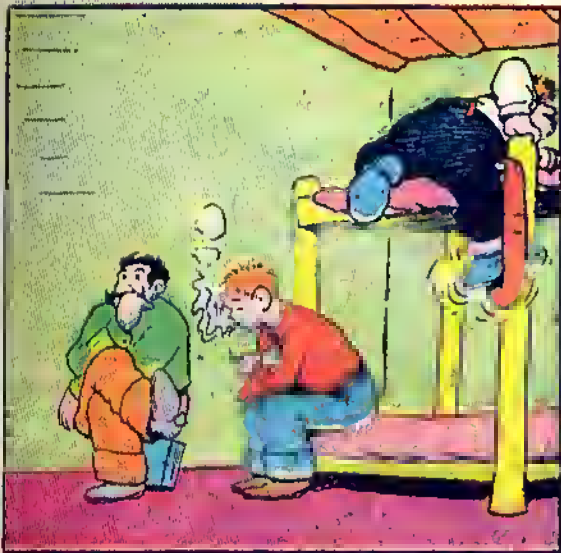
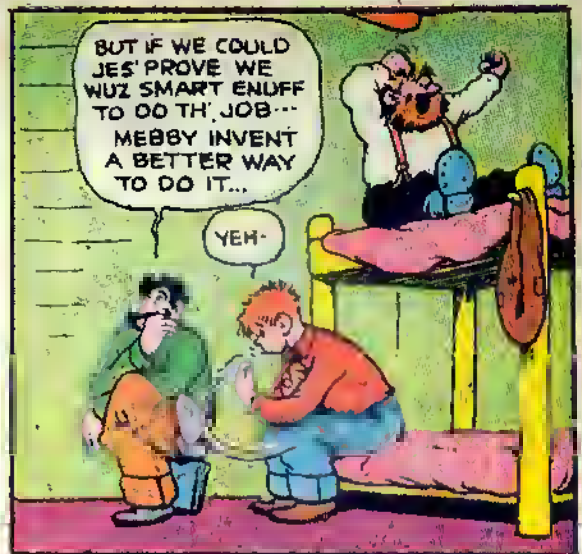




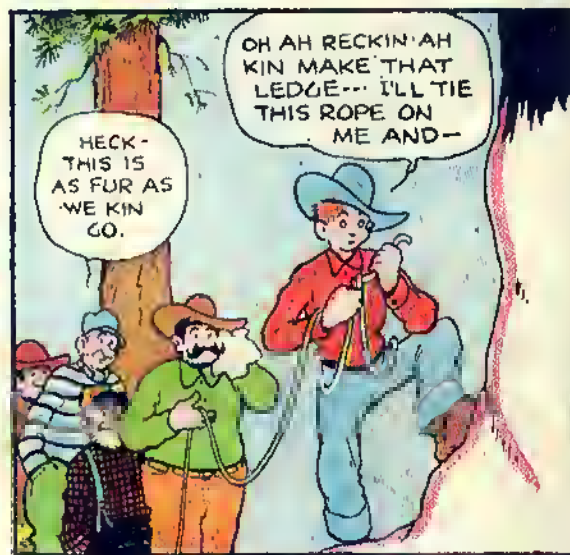
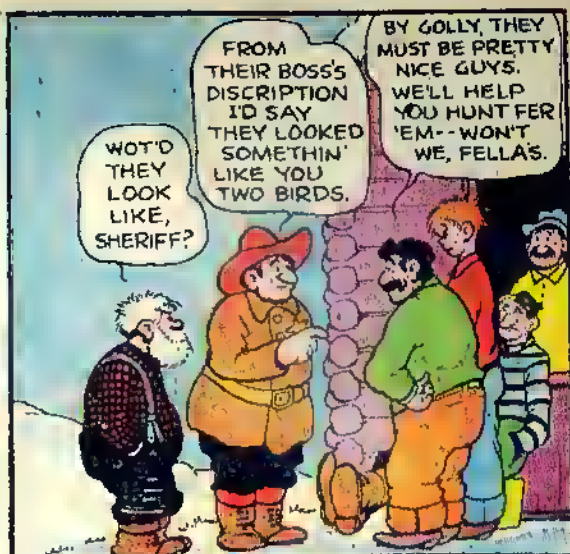


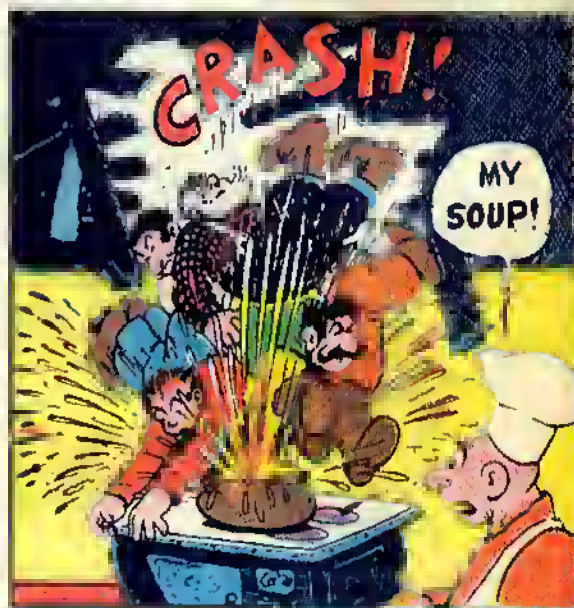
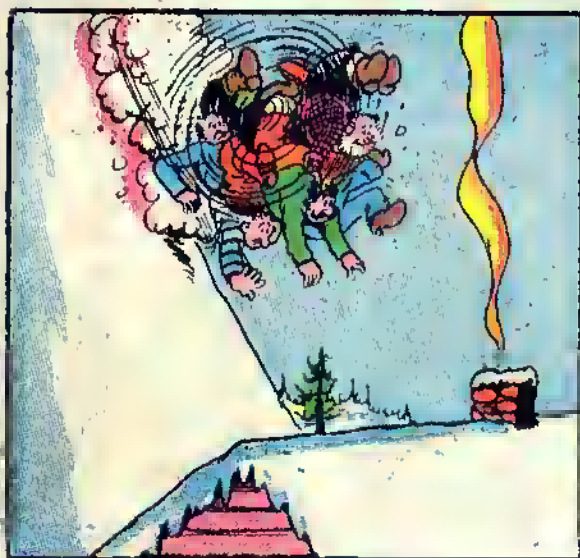


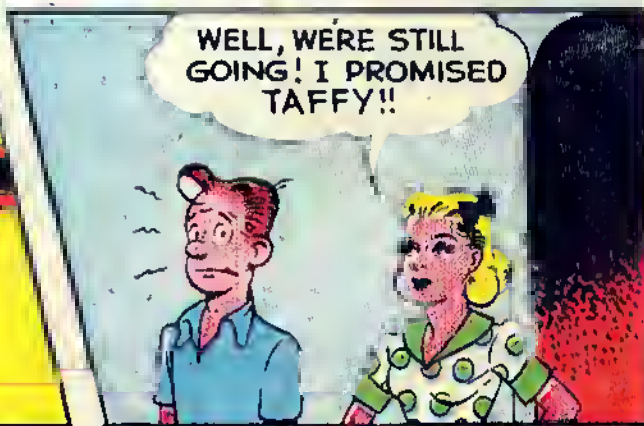
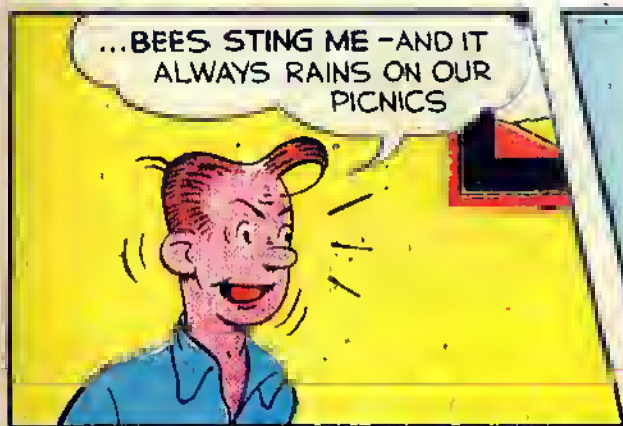
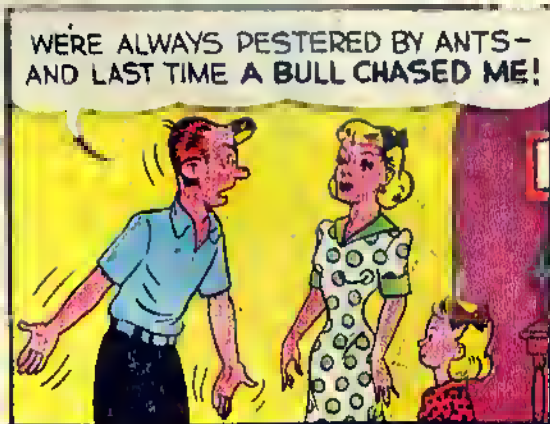
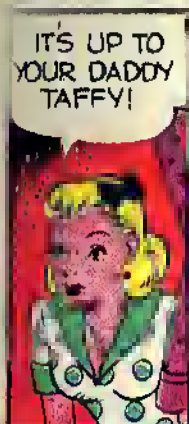
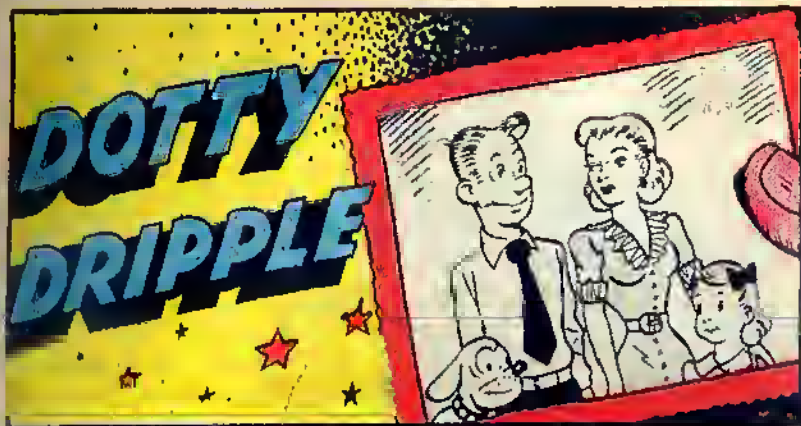


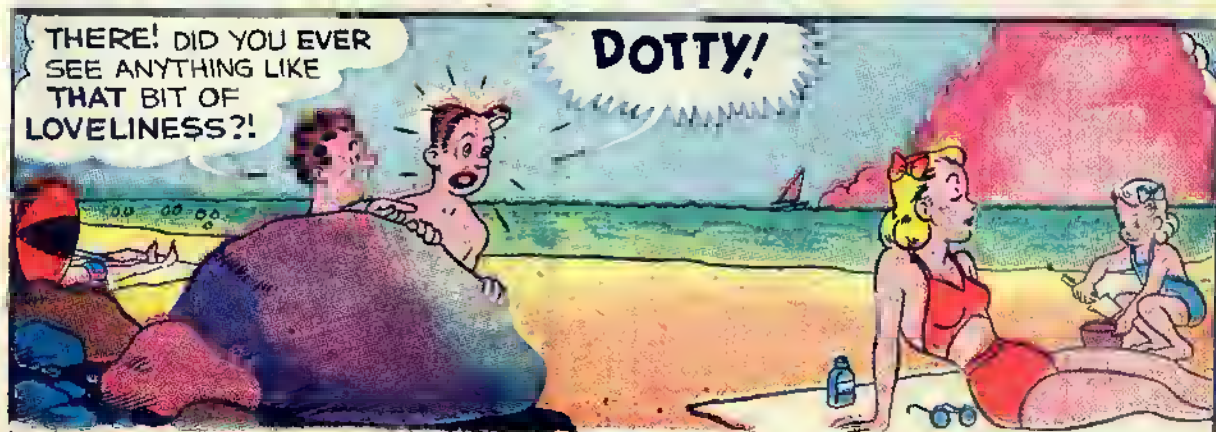
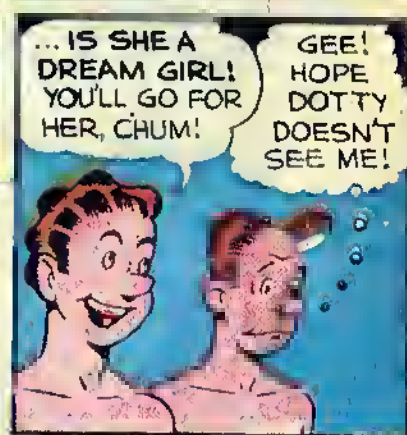
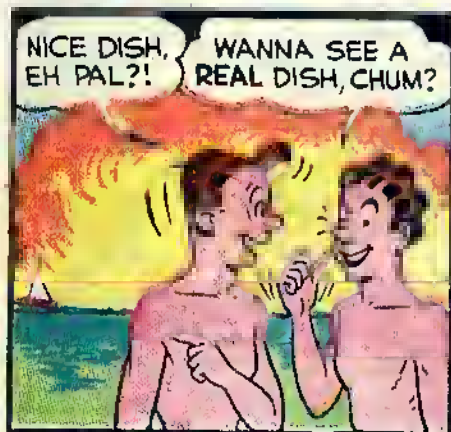
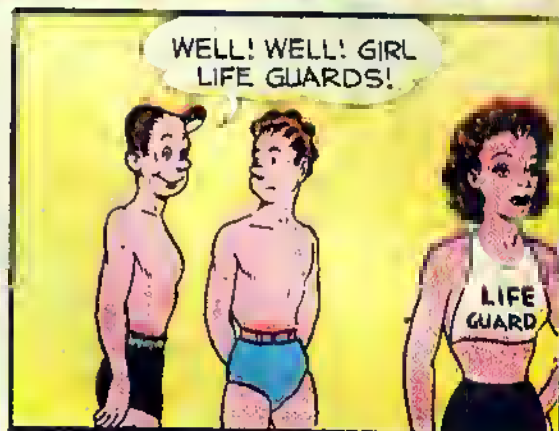
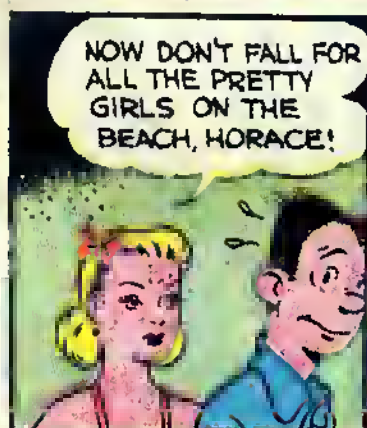
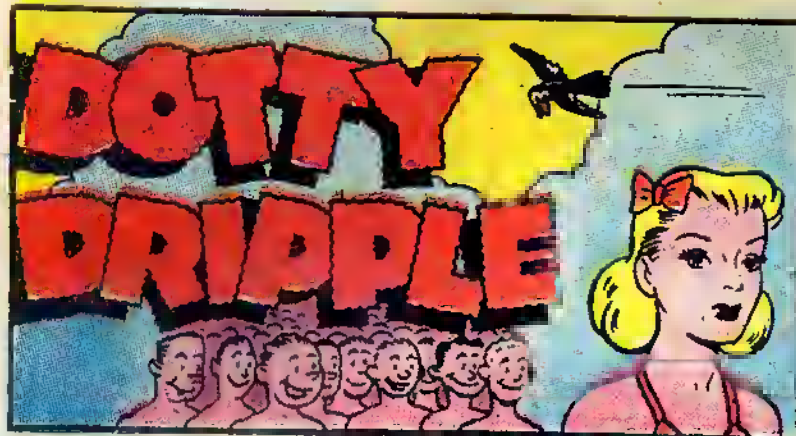












The MASQUERADER

When THE DWARF blazed a bloody trail to the election booths, Mike Cabel found himself chosen a candidate for death, and Hank Smith, the easy-going detective, in his secret identity as THE MASQUERADER, master of disguise, soon learned that hot lead has no regard for masquerade!!!



VERNON HENKEL

THE DWARF, SINISTER RULER OF URBAN CITY'S UNDERWORLD, CALLS ON A RIVAL GANG LEADER

YOU AND YOUR BOYS ARE VOTING FOR MIKE CABEL TODAY!

ARE YOU CRAZY, DWARF? CABEL'S RUNNING ON A REFORM TICKET!



THE DWARF'S GIVING THE ORDERS - NOT HOLDING A FORUM!

NO, DWARF!
NO!
AGH-H-HH!



FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, AT ANOTHER RACKET HEADQUARTERS.

WHO ARE YOU AND THE POLICY GUYS GONNA VOTE FOR, SKINNY?

DON'T SHOOT, DWARF!... MIKE CABEL, OF COURSE!



THAT NIGHT, AT PEOPLE'S PARTY HEADQUARTERS.

YOU WON THE ELECTION BY A TWO-TO-ONE PLURALITY, MIKE!

OH, MIKE! MAYOR OF THE CITY!... I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!



HEY, MIKE! TELEPHONE!

WATCH THE KIDS ELLEN, WHILE I SEE WHO'S CALLING ME!



WHAT? THE DWARF!... YEAH, YEAH-I'LL BE RIGHT OUT!



HEH-HEH! THE BOYS ALL VOTED YOU INTO OFFICE, MIKE... IT WILL COST A LITTLE MONEY OF COURSE- SAY, FIVE GRAND!

NUTS! I'D HAVE BEEN ELECTED WITHOUT YOUR GANG OF CUTTHROATS!



REMEMBER, MIKE, WE HAVE A LITTLE SECRET...

YOU DEVIL!... OKAY, FIVE GRAND! SEE ME TOMORROW THEN GET OUT OF TOWN!



HE WON'T LEAVE THOUGH! AND THERE'S ELLEN AND THE KIDS - THEY WON'T BE SAFE!



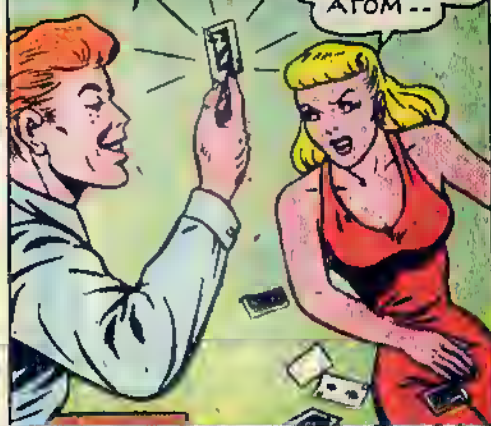
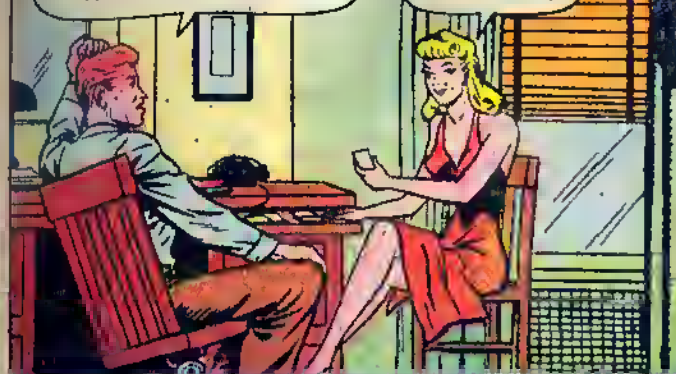
AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE OFFICE OF HANK SMITH, PRIVATE DETECTIVE, NOTHING MORE EXCITING IS GOING ON THAN A GAME OF DOUBLE SOLITAIRE BETWEEN HANK AND HIS PRETTY ASSISTANT, CHRIS CARLISLE....

NOW, CHRIS, IF I HAD A QUEEN OF DIAMONOS...

HA-HA, HANK! BUT YOU HAVEN'T! YOU'RE STOPPED!!

NOW, CHRIS, YOU KNOW IT'S HANGIN' RIGHT UP HERE IN THE AIR WAITIN' FOR ME!

I QUIT! YOU AND YOUR MAGIC! ANYWAY, HERE COME UP AND ATOM--



HEY, BOSS! GUESS WHAT? CABEL GOT IN! HE'S MAYOR!

HUSH, UPP! QUIET, ATOM THE PHONE'S RINGIN'!

YUP, HANK SMITH! OH, IT'S YOU, MAYOR CABEL--WELL, NOW, I SUPPOSE SO. UH-HUH! UH-HUH...TOMORRA?

SHUCKS! DARN IT! WE GOT A CASE! GET SOME SLEEP, BOYS TOMORRA WE'RE GOING TO BODYGUARD AND NURSEMAID THE MAYOR'S WIFE AND KIDS...

YA-HOO! WHADDYA MEAN "SHUCKS"? WE EAT, DON'T WE?



HERE'S THE DWARF'S HISTORY, MUGGING, FINGERPRINTS, HANK. WHAT ELSE?

A CONTAINER OF COFFEE AND SOME BENZEDRENE PILLS--I KNEW WE SHOULDN'T HAVE PLAYED THAT LAST GAME OF SOLITAIRE!

NEXT NIGHT...

LOOK, DWARF! THE MAYOR'S WIFE AND KIDS--WITH HANK SMITH AND HIS DOPES FOR BODYGUARDS!

A SWEET SET-UP KNIFE! FOLLOW THAT CAR!



AFTER AN ALL-NIGHT DRIVE...

WELL, HERE WE ARE, MA'AM--SAFE AS A WART ON A HOP-TOAD!

WHAT POSSIBLE DANGER COULD THERE BE IN SUCH A HEAVENLY SETTING!



LESS THAN A MILE AWAY....

OKAY, KNIFER, YOU STAY HERE WITH ROCKY. I'M GONNA ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE MAYOR'S KIDS!

YEAH, WE KNOW YOU WON'T TELL US WHERE YOU'LL HIDE 'EM!

GOSH, ATOM, AFTER ONE DAY I'M FED UP ON THIS JOB!

TWENTY-FOUR TIMES WE'VE CIRCLED THE SHACK ALREADY!

THERE AIN'T GONNA BE ANY TWENTY-FIFTH TIME AROUND FOR THEM GUYS....!

SHUT-UP KNIFER... LET 'EM HAVE IT, BUT QUIET!

LAY 'EM OUT FOR THE CROWS, AND LET'S GET INSIDE!

WHA-UHH!

OW-WHH!

INSIDE...

OH, GOODY! A RABBIT!

DO IT AGAIN, MR. SMITH! FIND ONE FOR ME!

ALL RIGHT, KIDS! WATCH CLOSELY..

GET YOUR HANDS UP! GRAB THOSE KIDS, KNIFER! TAKE THE YOUNG DAME, ROCKY!

NO! NO! DON'T LET THEM, MR. SMITH!!

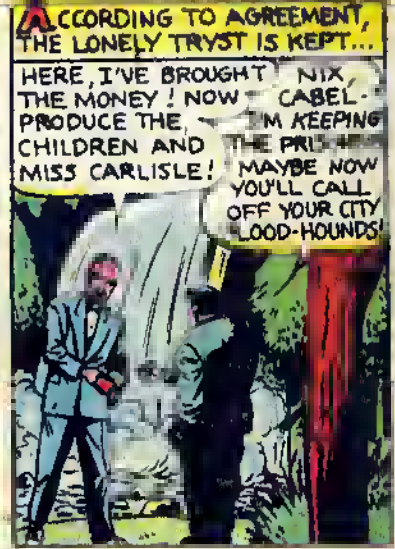
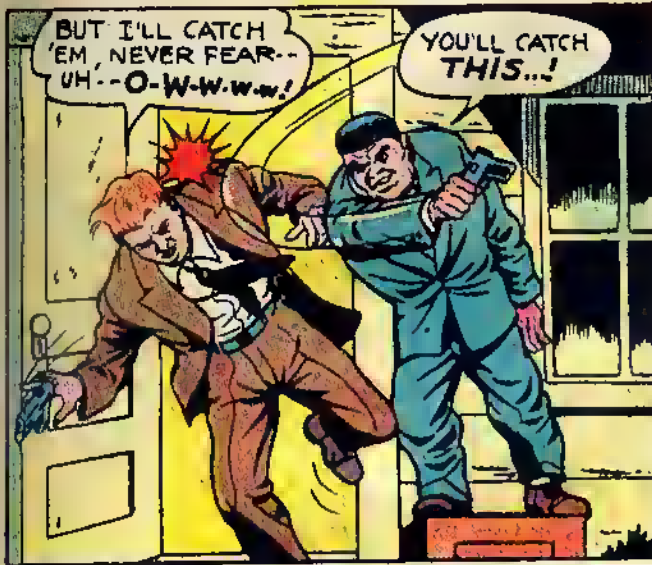
UPP! ATOM! NAB THOSE CRITTERS!

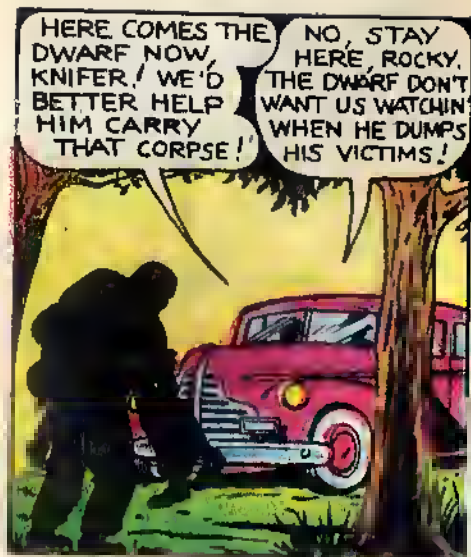
SO LONG, SUCKER! THAT TRICK WASN'T IN YOUR HAT!

HANK! HELP!

RUN, YOU FOOL, RUN! DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY!

I'M HURRYIN' MA'AM. CAN'T FIRE THIS PISTOL WITHOUT DANGER TO THE KIDS AND CHRIS...!





HERE COMES THE DWARF NOW, KNIFER! WE'D BETTER HELP HIM CARRY THAT CORPSE!

NO, STAY HERE, ROCKY. THE DWARF DON'T WANT US WATCHIN' WHEN HE DUMPS HIS VICTIMS!



NOW FOR THE REST OF THIS BUSINESS!



OKAY, KNIFER WE'LL PICK UP THE DAME AND THE TWO KIDS!

BUT DWARF YOU NEVER TOLD US WHERE YOU HID 'EM!



I MEAN GO TO THE HIDEOUT! I'LL DRAG 'EM IN, WHILE YOU GUYS CLEAN UP YOUR CIGARETTE BUTTS AND FOOTPRINTS!

RIGHT, DWARF THE COPS WON'T TRAIL US FROM WHAT WE LEAVE AROUND!



AFTER KNIFER AND ROCKY HAVE ENTERED THEIR HIDEOUT

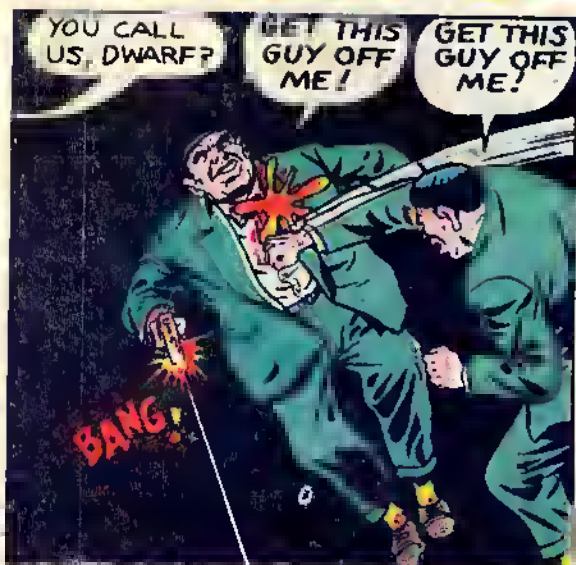
WHERE ARE THE KIDS AND CHRIS, YOU RAT?

UH-WHA-WHO...?



MAYBE YOU NEED COAXING!

OW-W-W! HELP! KNIFER! ROCKY!!



YOU CALL US, DWARF?

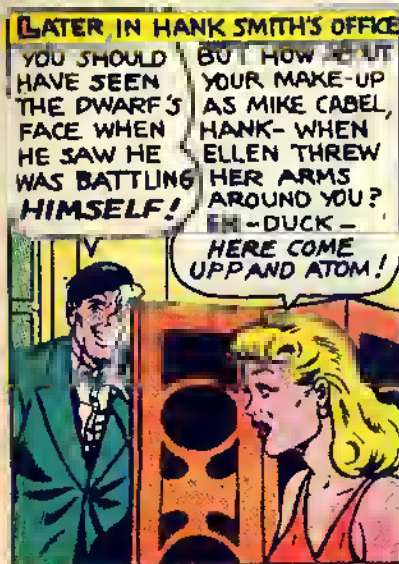
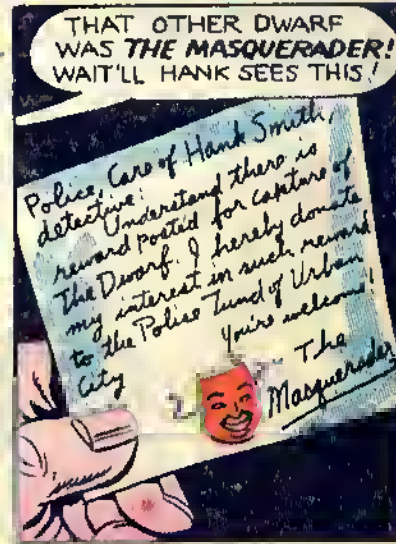
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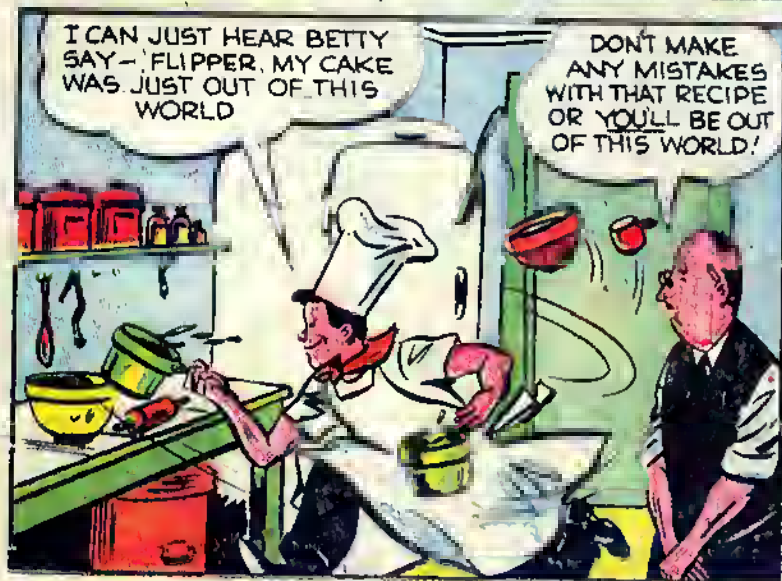
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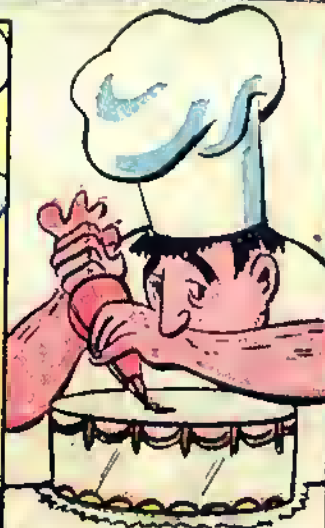
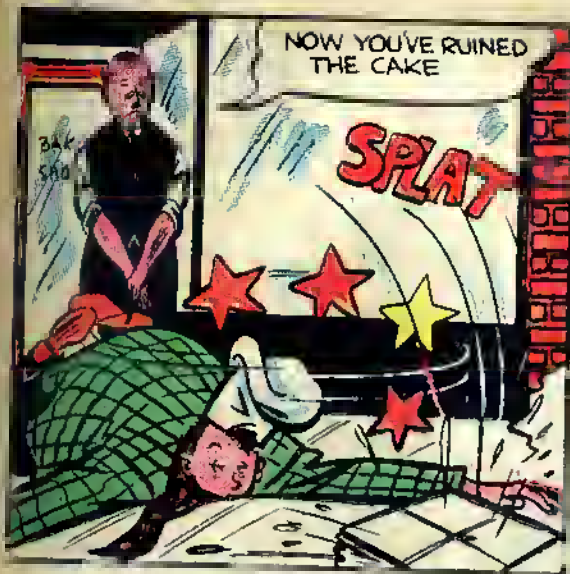


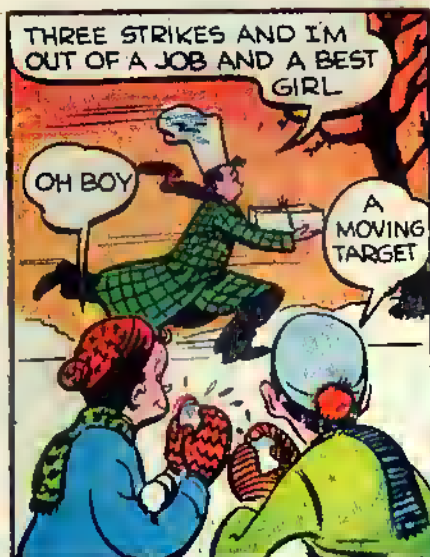
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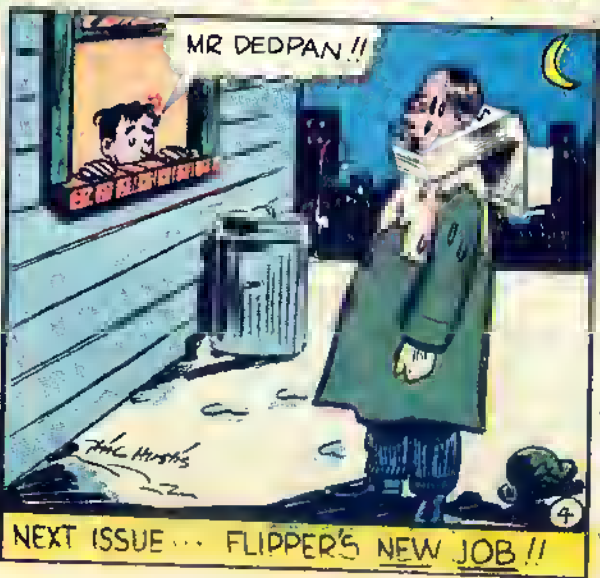
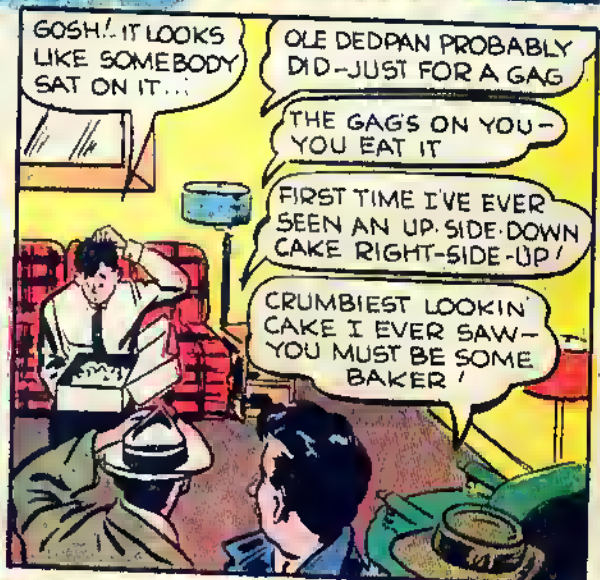
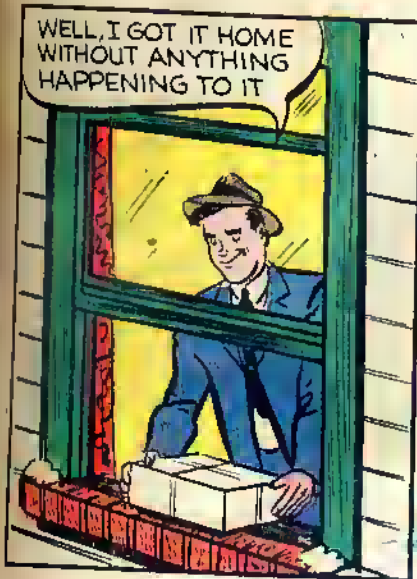
UNDER A SHOWER-OF HOT LEAD!...HEY? KNIFER! THEY'RE BOTH THE DWARF!











NEXT ISSUE... FLIPPER'S NEW JOB!!

The

Corsair

CHAS. M. QUINLAN



WHAT STRANGE QUIRK OF FATE GUIDED THE HAND OF DESTINY UNTIL IT CAME TO REST UPON THE SHOULDER OF JONATHAN GALLANT, A BORN AND BRED SON OF THE SOIL, AND CAST HIM HEADLONG INTO A WHIRLPOOL OF AMAZING ADVENTURES ON THE HIGH SEAS? ... HOW COULD HE WITH THE MUD OF THE FLOU-SHARE STILL CLINGING TO HIS BOOTS HOPE TO COPE WITH THE MERCILESS TACTICS OF THE MOST BLOODTHIRSTY PIRATES IN HISTORY...? TO WIN HIS FABULOUS SORRIQUE!

"The Corsair!"

IT IS THE YEAR 1679... OUR STORY OPENS AT A SMALL TAVERN IN A BLEAK NEW ENGLAND COASTAL TOWN...

MIND I'M TELLIN' YE IT WAS TERRIBLE! NEVER WILL THESE EYES OF MINE WIPE AWAY THE HORROR OF IT!

AYE, A CRUEL TALE IT IS YE'VE TOLD, BUT HARKEN TO WHAT I SEEN MESELF ON THE BAY OF BISCAY...



YEAH, BY ALL MEANS, TELL US! WHAT HAPPENED ON THE BAY OF BISCAY?... I, FOR ONE, DONT BELIEVE YE'VE EVER BEEN THERE! BUT GO ON WITH YOUR LYING SAILOR TALK!



FOR A MOMENT THE SAILORS
STARE BLANKLY.... THEN WITH ONE
ACCORD, LEAP TO THEIR FEET!

NO BLASTED LAND-LUBBER
CAN CALL JEM MACE A
LIAR AND LIVE!

KILL THE
SWAB!



HERE'S ONE WHO
CAN AND DOES!

OW! ME
ARM!



AND THAT GOES
FOR YOUR STUPID
CRONIES TOO!

UGH!



VERY NICE, AYE VERY
WELL DONE INDEED.
NOW IF YE AVE BRAINS
AS WELL AS BRAWN
YE'LL BE MAKIN'
YERSELF SCARCE
BEFORE THEY
RECOVER!

NO ONE WITH ANY
SENSE COULD BE-
LIEVE SUCH ROT!
MAYHAP YOUR
ADVICE IS GOOD,
SO, I'LL BE OFF.



HE DOES HAVE BRAINS!
I BETTER FOLLOW HIM
MAYBE HE'S JUST THE
MAN I'VE BEEN SEARCH-
ING FOR!

HOLD A MOMENT
FRIEND, I WOULD
A WORD WITH
YOU!

OH IT'S
YOU AGAIN!
WHAT NOW?



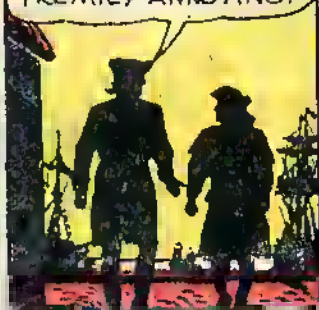
YOU ARE PLAINLY NOT A
MAN OF THE SEA...WHAT-
EVER PROMPTED YOU TO
DOUBT THEIR STORIES
AND TO SO RASHLY
EXPRESS YOUR
SENTIMENTS?



I'M FROM A SMALL FARM MANY MILES INLAND... ONCE EVERY YEAR SINCE CHILDHOOD I HAVE COME TO THE SEA-COAST WHEN WE BROUGHT OUR PRODUCE TO MARKET. OFTEN I OVERHEARD THE SAILORS TELLING THEIR FANTASTIC TALES OF THE SEA...



AT FIRST, I LISTENED IN OPEN-MOUTHED AMAZEMENT... BUT AS I GREW OLDER I BEGAN TO DETECT EXAGGERATIONS AND DEFINITE UNTRUTHS... FROM THEN ON ALL STORIES TOLD BY SEAMEN BECAME EXTREMELY ANNOYING!

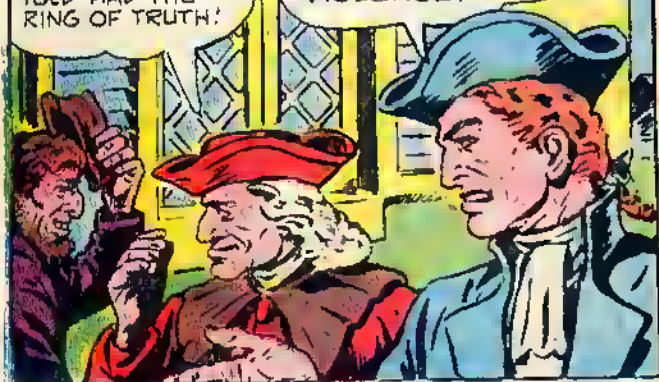


THAT OUTBURST AT THE TAVERN WAS THE RESULT OF MY MANY YEARS OF PENT-UP RESENTMENT!



FRANKLY, I DID NOT LISTEN TO THEM TOO ATTENTIVELY AS I HEAR MANY SUCH TALES, BUT THAT ONE JEM MACE TOLD HAD THE RING OF TRUTH!

WHAT?... YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU BELIEVE SUCH NONSENSE?... THAT CIVILIZED BEINGS LIKE US CAN BE CAPABLE OF SUCH CRIMINAL VIOLENCE?



YOUNG MAN, I WILL NOT TRY TO CONVINCE YOU. INSTEAD I OFFER YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF!... MY NAME IS STEPHAN PORTER. DOES THAT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?

NO... I CAN'T SAY THAT IT DOES. HOWEVER I AM GLAD TO KNOW YOU... I AM JONATHAN GALLANT. NOW ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY...



YONDER SHIP SAILS WITH THE TIDE IN THE MORNING... BOUND FOR THE CARIBBEAN! ON HER RETURN TRIP SHE WILL CARRY A VERY VALUABLE CARGO! I NEED A MAN OF YOUR CALIBER TO SEE THAT IT REACHES PORT SAFELY. FOR YOUR SERVICES YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE HUNDRED POUNDS WELL, MR. GALLANT?

ONE HUNDRED POUNDS!



VERY WELL MR. PORTER, I ACCEPT!

GOOD! COME THEN, WE WILL GO ABOARD AND ARRANGE FOR YOUR PASSAGE!



SEVERAL WEEKS LATER...

AFTER A PRACTICALLY UNEVENTFUL VOYAGE... OTHER THAN THE THRILL OF STRANGE SURROUNDINGS, GETTING USED TO THE ROLL AND PITCH OF THE DECK, THE CREAK OF ROPE AND SAIL UNDER STRESS OF THE WIND AND A MYRIAD OF UNUSUAL SMELLS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH... JONATHAN GALLANT ARRIVES AT HIS DESTINATION... PORT OF TRINIDAD IN THE CARIBBEAN!





QUITE A CHANGE FROM NEW ENGLAND, EH, LAD? WHY DON'T YE GO ASHORE AND LOOK ABOUT? 'TILL BE HOURS AFORE WE LOAD THE RETURN CARGO!

THANKS FOR THE SUGGESTION, SKIPPER... I BELIEVE I WILL, BUT HONESTLY I WAS ENJOYING MYSELF RIGHT HERE... JUST WATCHING THE CREW!

WAIT!... YE'D BEST TAKE THESE 'ALONG. NOTHING LIKE HAVING A SWORD AND PISTOL IN STRANGE PORTS! THEY HELP A MAN TO GET RESPECT!

AYE, I'LL WEAR THEM BUT I'LL NOT HAVE ANY TROUBLE—I'LL BE TOO BUSY SEEING THE SIGHTS!

AS JONATHAN STROLLS ALONG THE ROUGH COBBLED QUAY, HE REMINISCES ON THE ODD CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT BROUGHT HIM TO THIS SLEEPY WEST INDIAN PORT

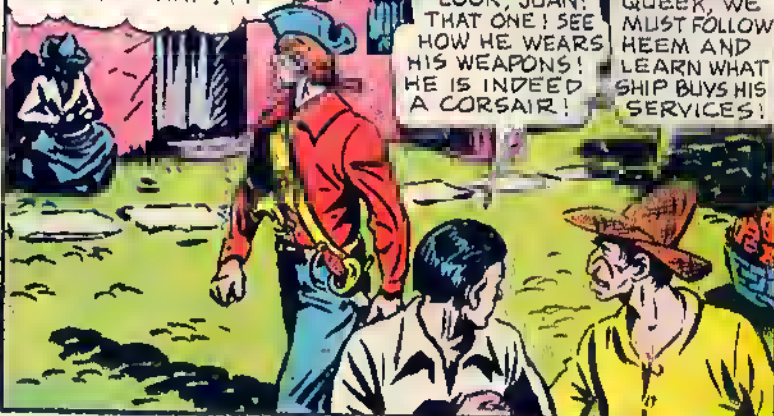
...A HUNDRED POUNDS! THAT'S MORE THAN I COULD EARN IN TWO YEARS AT HOME... AND ACCORDING TO THE CAPTAIN MR. PORTER IS THE RICHEST SHIP-OWNER IN THE COLONIES!

BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I SHOULD TAKE COMMAND OF THE SHIP IF THE CARGO SHOULD BE IN DANGER? I'M NOT A SEAMAN—HE KNOWS THAT!!!

IN HIS REVERIE, JONATHAN DOES NOT NOTICE A PAIR OF SWARTHY INDIVIDUALS WATCHING HIM FURTIVELY!

LOOK, JUAN! THAT ONE! SEE HOW HE WEARS HIS WEAPONS! HE IS INDEED A CORSAIR!

QUEEK, WE MUST FOLLOW HEEM AND LEARN WHAT SHIP BUYS HIS SERVICES!



TWO HOURS LATER AT THE BARRACUDA INN... A FAVORITE RENDEZVOUS OF THE WORST CUT-THROATS OF THE SEVEN SEAS.

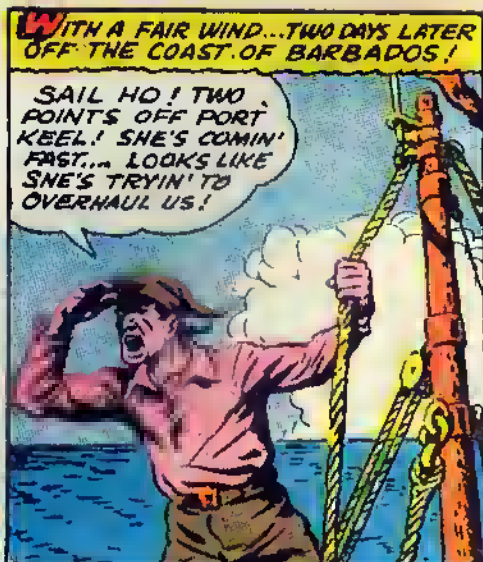
MEET WAS TO THE 'SILVER SPRAY' HE WENT A BEEG FINE SHEEP! WEETH MUCH CARGO!

THE 'SILVER SPRAY' IT BELONGS TO THE PORTER FLEET. YE HAVE DONE WELL... HERE'S YOUR PAY. BE OFF WITH YE!

THE CARGO IS ALL STOWED SHIP SHAPE, SIR. WE'RE READY TO SAIL!

VERY GOOD, CAST OFF AND WE'LL GET UNDER WAY!





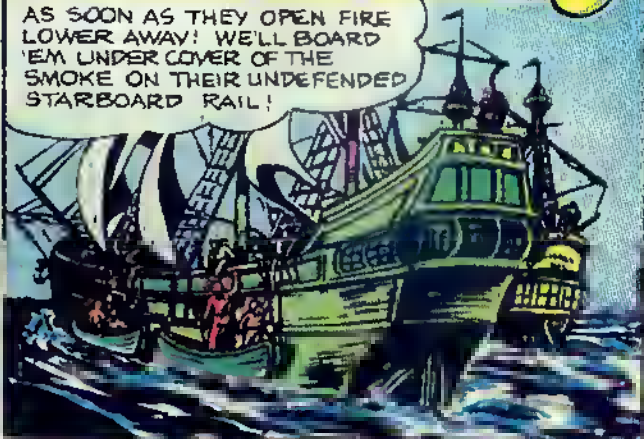
BUT WHAT IS THIS? HAVE THE PIRATES TAKEN THE BAIT OR IS THE UNTRIED COR-SAIR TO BE THE VICTIM OF HIS OWN STRATEGY?

LIVELY, YE SCUM.. OVER THE SIDE AND INTO THE LONGBOATS!.. HO-HO-HO.. WE'LL SHOW THE BLASTED SWAB!



UNSEEN BY CAPTAIN GALLANT AND THE CREW OF THE "SILVER SPRAY" THE WILY "SHARK" AND HIS CUT-THROATS SWARM OVER THE OFFSIDE OF THEIR SHIP AS IT SWEEPS IN CLOSER AND CLOSER!

AS SOON AS THEY OPEN FIRE LOWER AWAY! WE'LL BOARD 'EM UNDER COVER OF THE SMOKE ON THEIR UNDEFENDED STARBOARD RAIL!



THEN THE SHIPS ALMOST TOUCH!

FIRE!

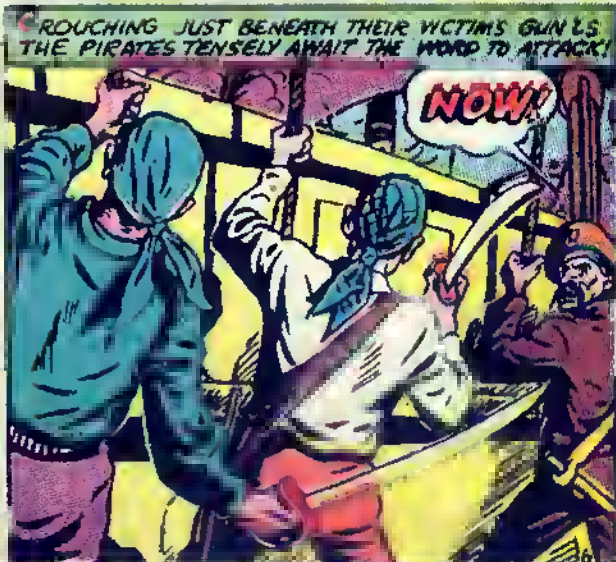


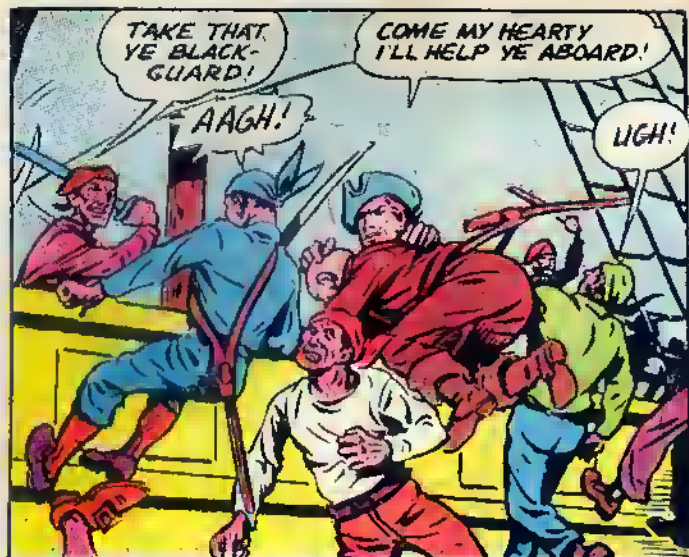
DON'T MOVE 'TIL I TELL YE TO... AND REMEMBER NO QUARTER!



CROUCHING JUST BENEATH THEIR VICTIMS GUNLS THE PIRATES TENSELY AWAIT THE WORD TO ATTACK!

NOW!





THE FEW REMAINING PIRATES LEFT ON THAT LUCKLESS CRAFT GIVE UP WITH VERY LITTLE URGING!

ALL RIGHT, MATE, YOU ARE IN COMMAND HERE NOW... WE'RE TAKING IT ALONG TO BE RETURNED TO IT'S RIGHTFUL OWNERS!

AYE AYE, SIR!



A FEW MINUTES LATER... BACK ON BOARD THE "SILVER SPRAY"

HE SAYS HIS NAME IS "SHARK" AWKINS AND WE CAN ALL GO TO BLAZES! ... SHALL WE SWING 'IM SIR?

NO, WE'LL TURN HIM OVER TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES FOR TRIAL! ... PUT HIM IN IRONS



JUST A MINUTE, LAD I BEAR YE NO ILL... YE OUTSMARTED ME REAL CLEVER... BUT ANSWER ME ONE QUESTION!



HOW DID YE KNOW WE WERE USING THE LONG-BOATS TO BOARD YE ON YER STARBOARD?

WELL, I KNEW YOU WOULD SUSPECT A TRAP WHEN I OFFERED TO SURRENDER... SO I FIGURED WHAT I WOULD DO IF I WERE IN YOUR POSITION... AND ACTED ACCORDINGLY!



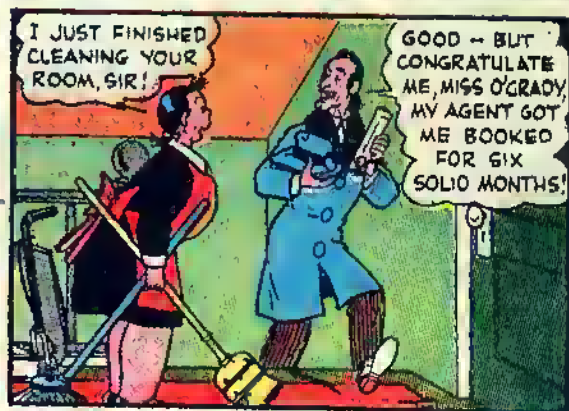
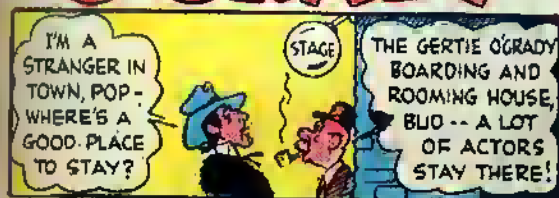
AYE, THAT WAS VERY CLEVER STRATEGY, JON. YE MADE GRAND SHOWING! MR. PORTER WILL BE PROUD OF YE! ... BUT WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF PIRATE WATER AHEAD!

YOU KNOW, SKIPPER, I'M JUST BEGINNING TO REALIZE THAT COLLECTING THAT HUNDRED POUNDS MAY TURN OUT TO BE A BIGGER JOB THAN I EXPECTED!



HOW RIGHT YOU ARE, JON GALLANT... AND IT ALL HAPPENS WHEN YOU AND A MOST UNUSUAL BUCCANEER HAVE ANOTHER THRILLING ENCOUNTER... IN OUR NEXT ISSUE...

GERTIE O'GRADY



GERTIE O'GRADY

I'M BARNHAM B. BILLINGS!
MRS. MCGINTY SENT ME
OVER -- I UNDERSTAND
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
BOARDERS!

OH, YES! SHE
TOLD ME YOU
ARE IN THE
SHOW BUSINESS
-- HOW MANY
ARE IN YOUR
TROUPE?

LET'S SEE -- THERE'S
DOLLY, DAN, PEGGY,
STANLEY, DAVEY,
DOT, MARY LOU,
ORIN, JUDY AND
JOEY -- THAT MAKES
TEN. HOW MUCH
WILL YOU CHARGE
TO FEED THEM?

FOR THAT MANY,
YOU CAN GET A
REDUCED PRICE!
BY THE WEEK,
IT'LL COST YOU
\$4.50 APIECE TO
BOARD THEM HERE!

O.K., IT'S A DEAL! AND
TO CLINCH IT -- HERE'S A
CHECK FOR THE FIRST
WEEK -- I'LL BE BACK WITH
THE GANG FOR SUPPER!

I'M SURE ON THE
ROAD TO SUCCESS NOW
-- THE FIRST STEP IS
TO PHONE THE GROCER
AND HAVE HIM RUSH
THIS ORDER OVER!

BOY!
THIS IS
BIG BUSINESS.
I'M GONNA MAKE
A FAT PROFIT
OUT OF THIS
DEAL!

THAT'S PROBABLY
MR. BILLINGS AND
HIS ACTORS AT
THE DOOR NOW!

RAP!
RAP!

IT'S ME, SISTER --
BARNHAM B. BILLINGS!
WHEN DO WE EAT?
WELL, DON'T JUST
STAND THERE -- WE
GOTTA GET BACK
FOR TH' EVENING
PERFORMANCE!

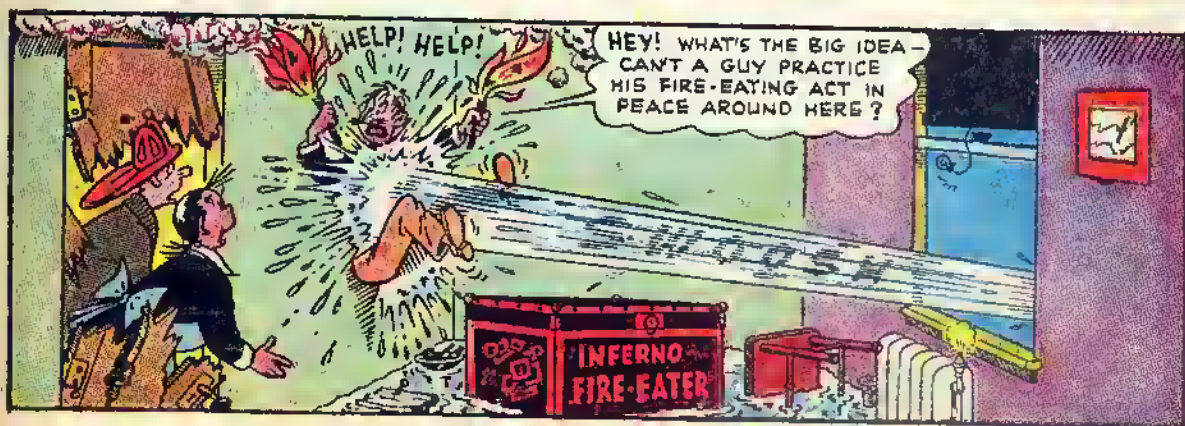
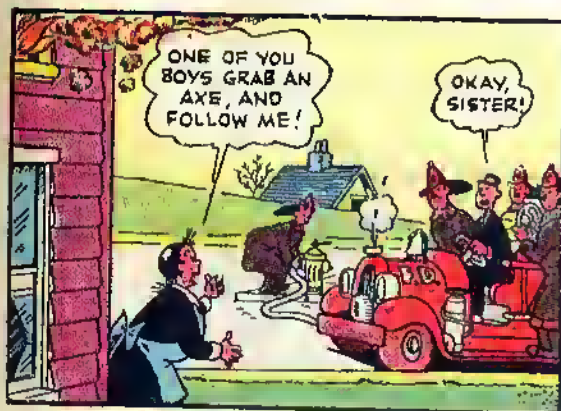
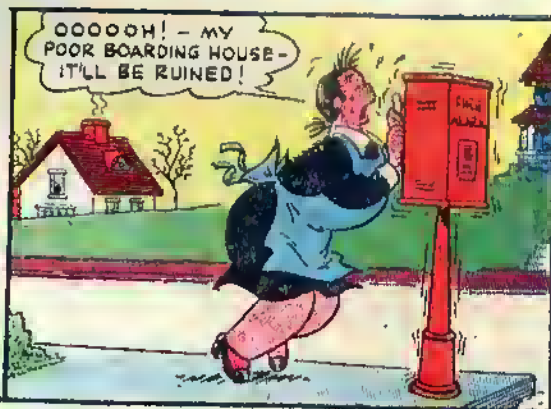
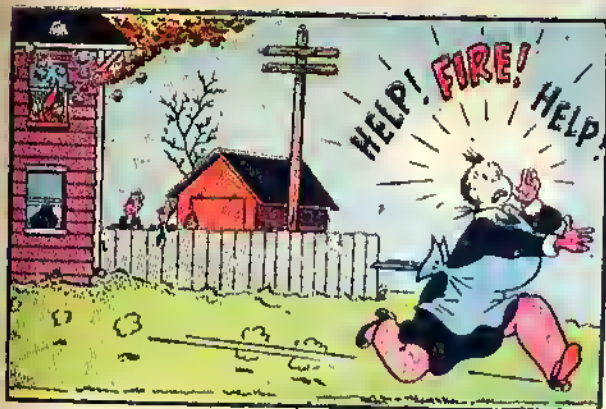
B
BARNHAM
B. BILLINGS
and his
TROUPE of TRAINED
BIG SHOTS

GERTIE O'GRADY

by PAUL
MC CARTHY

HEY, GERTIE! - THERE'S
SURE SOME EXCITEMENT
OUT IN FRONT - - YOUR
HOUSE IS ON FIRE !!

WHAT?



STREAMER KELLY

by JACK RYAN



STREAMER
KELLY



NEW
YEAR'S EVE!!
WHAT A NIGHT
TO HAVE TO WORK.
H.M.M.' WHO'S
THE BIG LUG
COMING IN WITH
GAEL?

HYA,
SMOKE
EATER!



STREAMER, THIS IS AN OLD
FRIEND, OFFICER BOYLE. HE'S
TAKING ME TO THE POLICE-
MEN'S BALL. WE STOPPED
BY TO WISH YOU A
HAPPY NEW YEAR.

BULLDOG
BOYLE!!
POLICE
HEAVYWEIGHT
CHAMP!



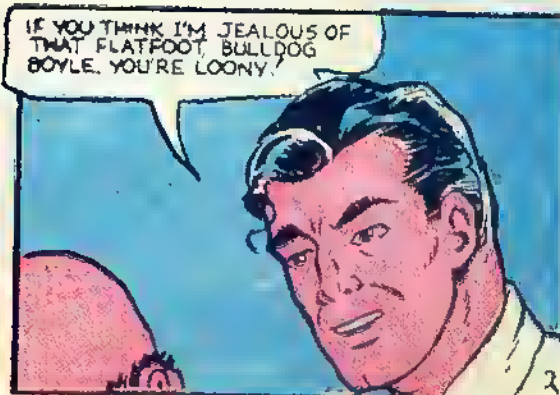
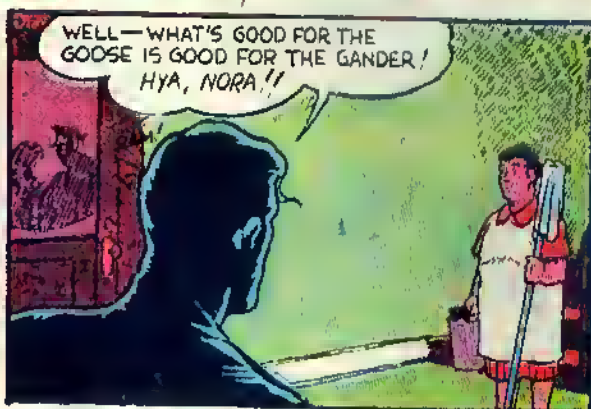
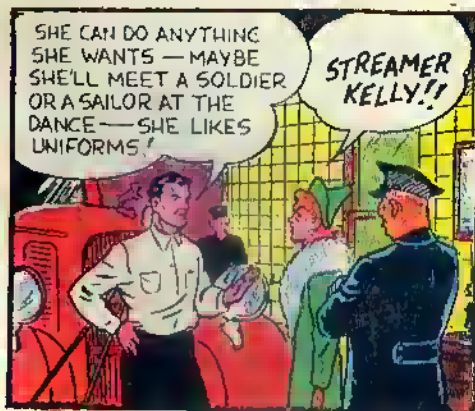
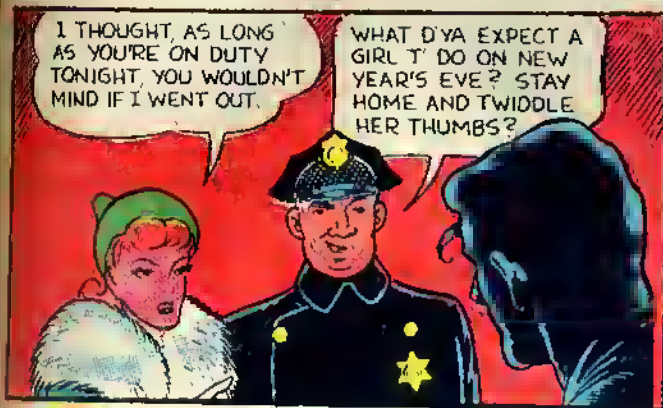
SO THIS IS THE GREAT
KELLY, EH? THE FIREMAN
WHO IS ALWAYS GETTING
HIS FINGERS BURNED
PLAYING
DETECTIVE!

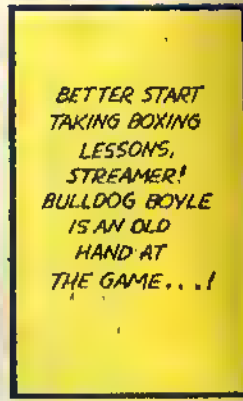
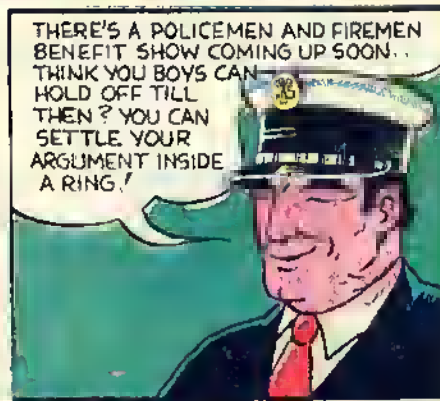
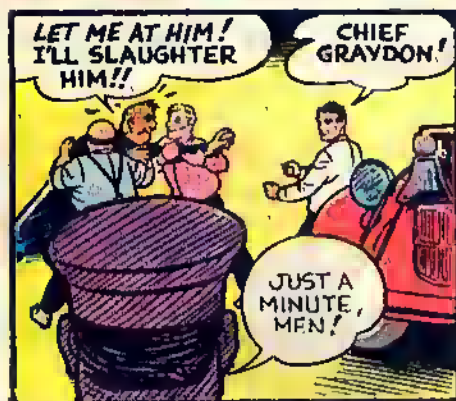
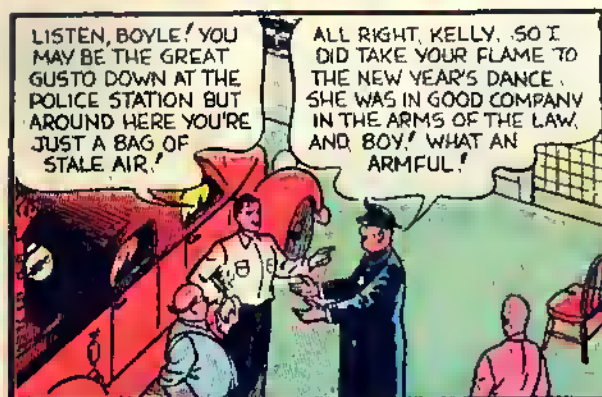
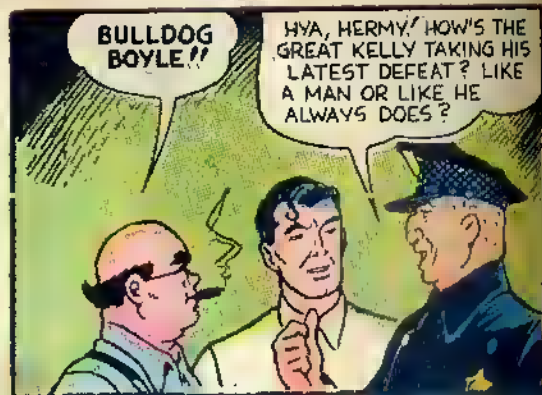
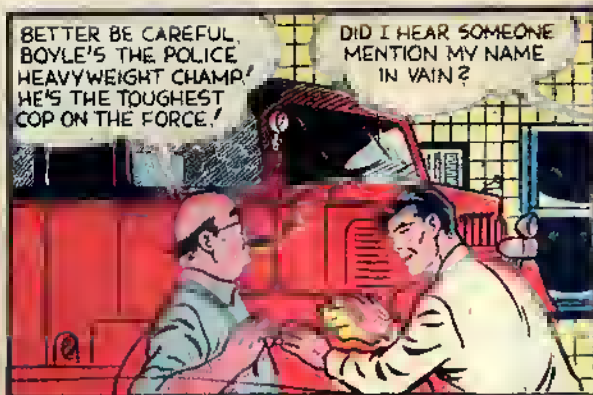
WHY,
YOU BIG
FLATFOOT,
I'LL—

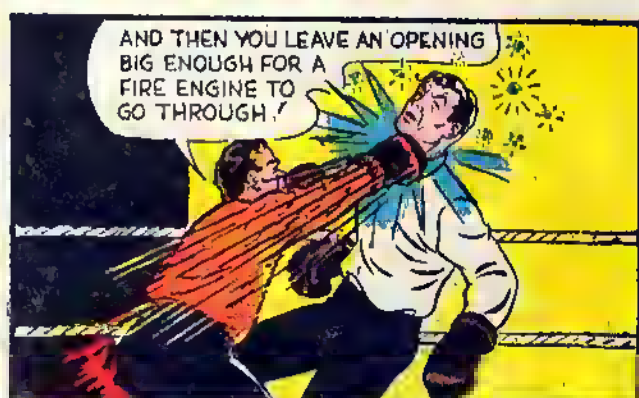
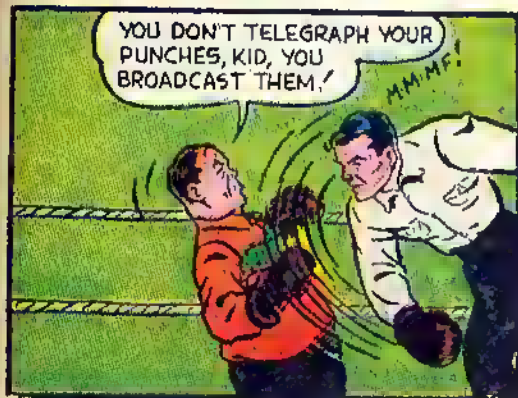
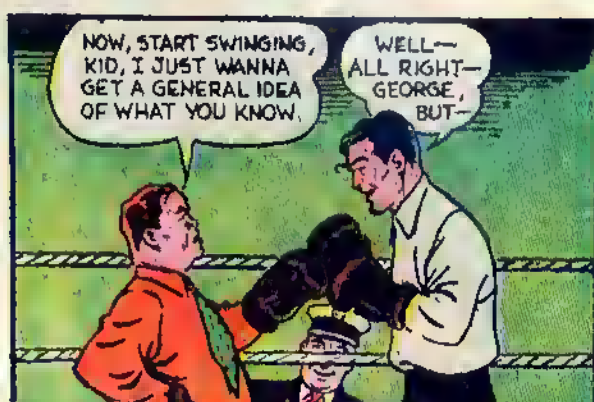


BOYS!! PLEASE—
STREAMER, I'M
ASHAMED OF YOU!
BULLDOG WAS
JUST KIDDING!

BUT, GAEL, I FIGURED
YOU AND I WERE— AH—
WELL— GOING STEADY!

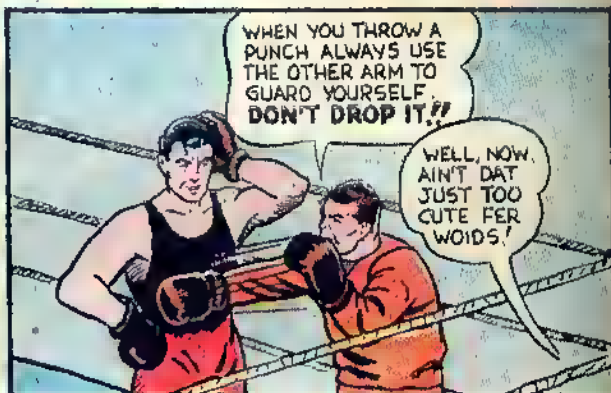
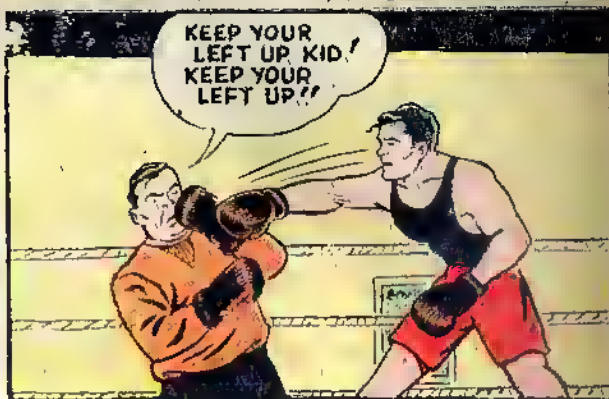
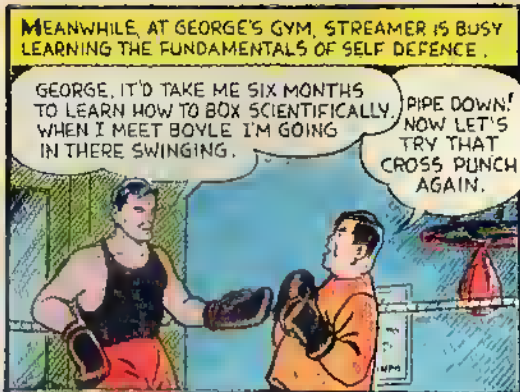


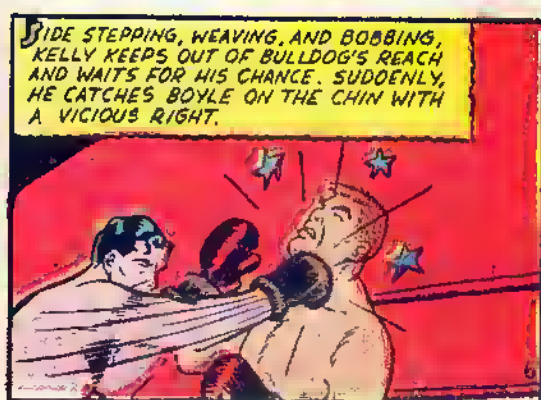
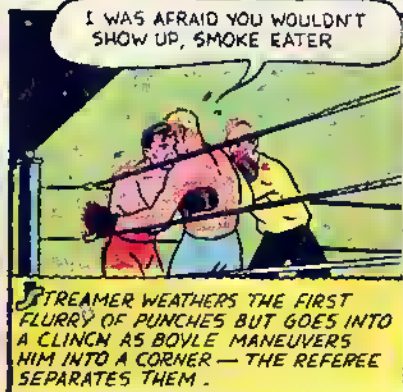
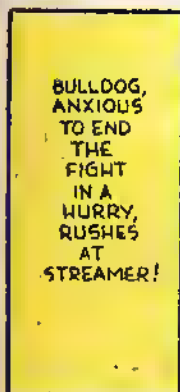
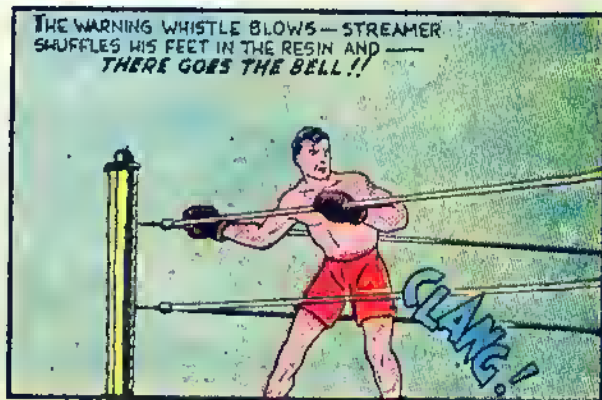
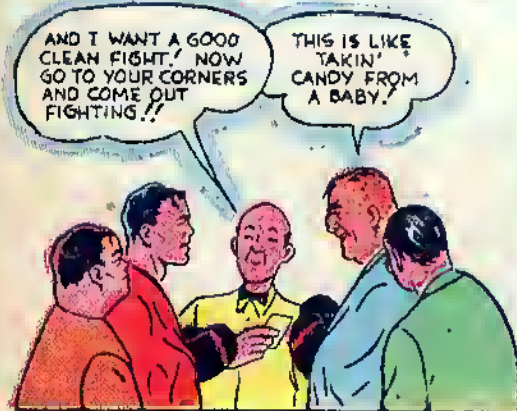
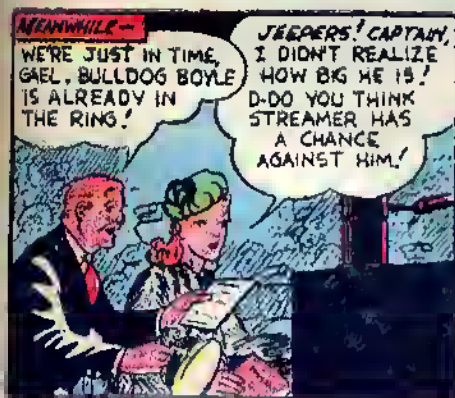
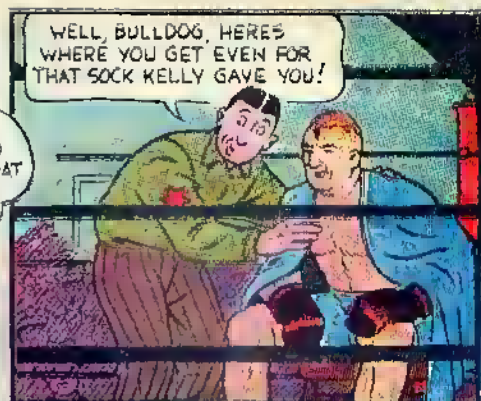
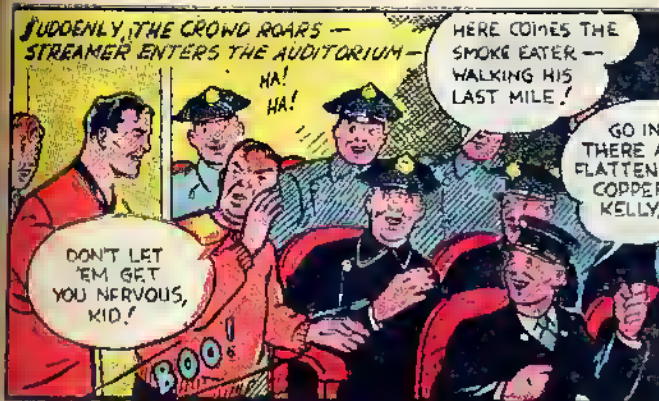


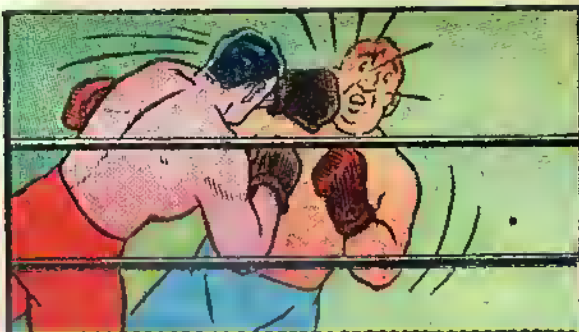


COULD
BE,
STREAMER
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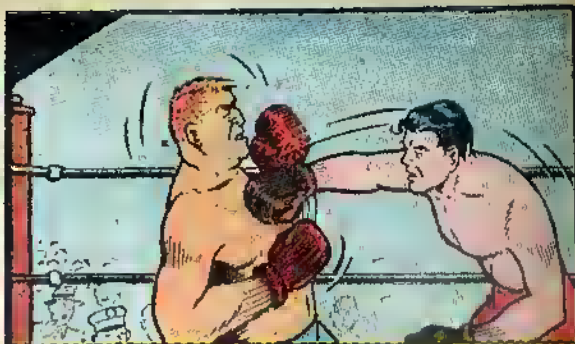




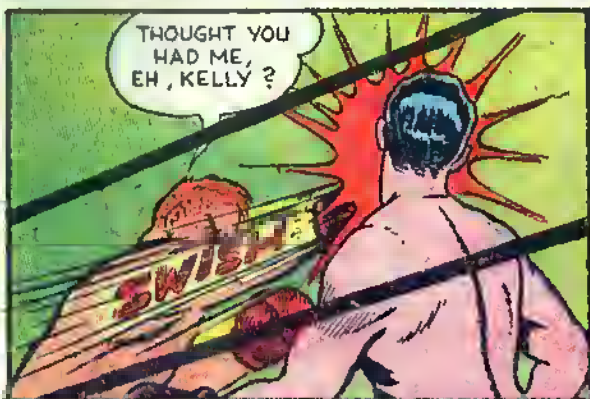




AS BOYLE CRINGES FROM THE BLOW, STREAMER PUMMELS HIM WITH LEFTS AND RIGHTS.



THE RING WISE POLICEMAN QUICKLY RECOVERS— AND, AS STREAMER DROPS HIS GUARD—



THOUGHT YOU HAD ME, EH, KELLY?



EIGHT— NINE—

HA! HA!

CLANG!

SAVED BY THE BELL!
STREAMER IS DRAGGED TO HIS CORNER!



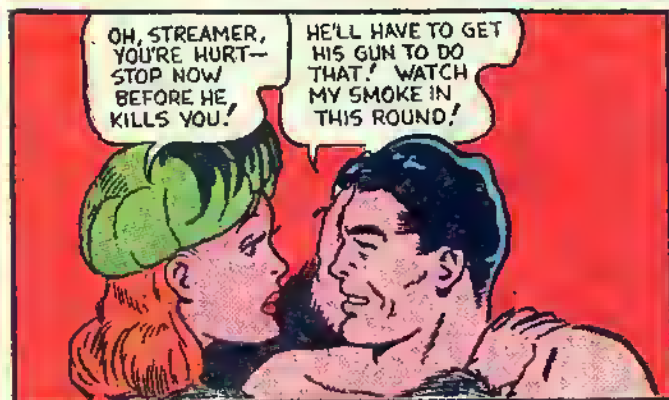
HERE! TAKE A WHIFF OF THIS— YOU'LL BE OKAY!

WH—WHERE AM I? WHERE'S THAT COP!?



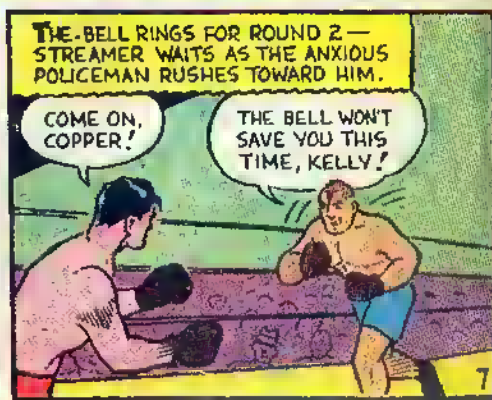
GAEL RUSHES TO THE RING SIDE—

STREAMER!!



OH, STREAMER, YOU'RE HURT— STOP NOW BEFORE HE KILLS YOU!

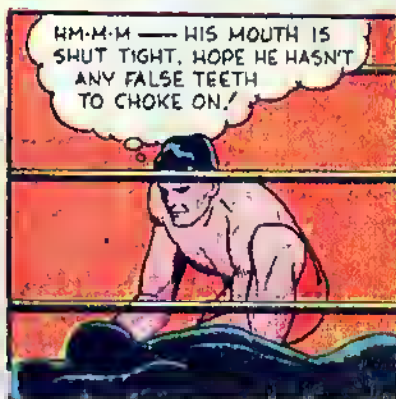
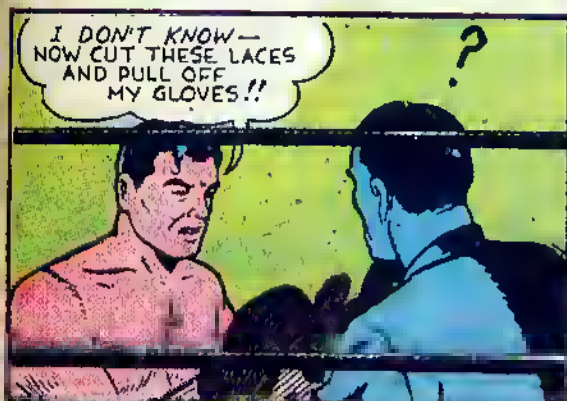
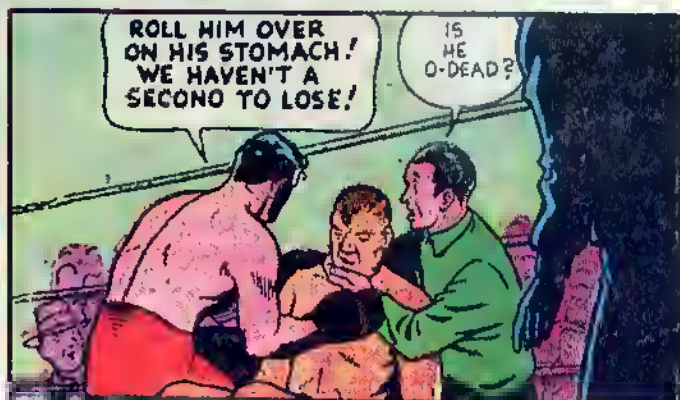
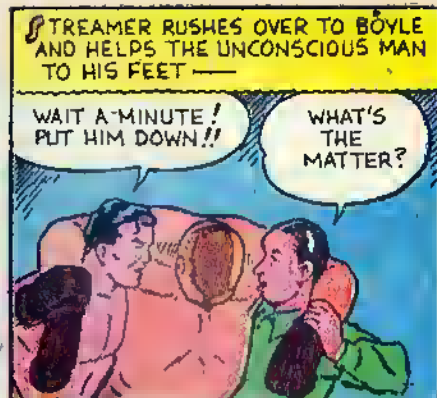
HE'LL HAVE TO GET HIS GUN TO DO THAT! WATCH MY SMOKE IN THIS ROUND!



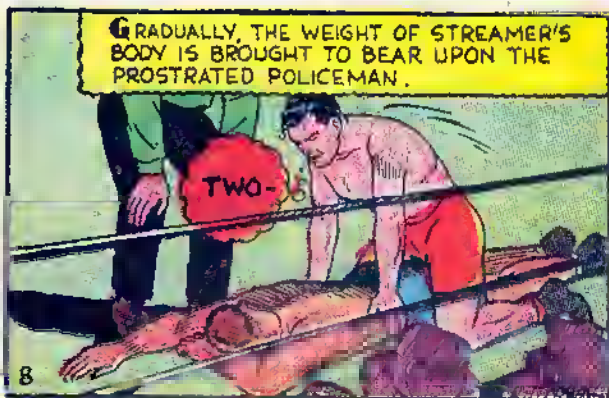
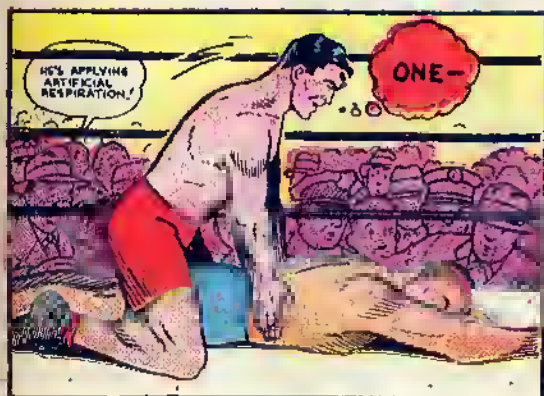
THE BELL RINGS FOR ROUND 2— STREAMER WAITS AS THE ANXIOUS POLICEMAN RUSHES TOWARD HIM.

COME ON, COPPER!

THE BELL WON'T SAVE YOU THIS TIME, KELLY!



QUICKLY,
STREAMER
PLACES THE
PALMS OF
HIS HANDS
ON THE
SMALL OF
BULLDOG'S
BACK—
THEN
SWINGS
FORWARD
SLOWLY.



MEANWHILE, AT THE RINGSIDE, CHIEF GRAYDON ISSUES AN ORDER

CALL THE RESCUE SQUAD, HERMY, AN' TELL 'EM TO HURRY!!

OKAY, CHIEF!!

GET UP, KELLY I'LL TAKE CARE OF BOYLE — GET SOME CLOTHES ON BEFORE YOU PASS OUT, TOO!

I'M NOT MOVING UNTIL BULLDOG LEAVES THIS RING — ON HIS OWN FEET —

OR ON A STRETCHER.

THERE! HE'S COMING TO!

THE RESCUE SQUAD IS HERE WITH THE INHALATOR!

M-M-MF

A FEW MINUTES OF THIS AND HE'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW.

HE HAD ME SCARED FOR A WHILE — I THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD!

TAKE THAT MASK OFF ME AND LET ME UP — I'M OKAY NOW — I MUST BE GETTIN' SOFT LETTIN' THAT SMOKE, EATER PUT ME TO SLEEP.

CONGRATULATIONS, KELLY. I GUESS I NEEDED A HEALTHY WALLOP TO KNOCK SOME OF THAT COCKINESS OUT OF ME.

I'VE ALWAYS SAID, IT TAKES A GOOD FIGHT TO START A REAL FRIENDSHIP! WHAT SAY WE RUN OVER TO THE FIRE HOUSE FOR A CUP OF TEA.

FIRE FAX



THE SPANNER STRAP

THE SPANNER STRAP IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF AN ENGINE MAN'S EQUIPMENT AND MUST BE ALWAYS WORN WHEN WORKING AT FIRES. IT AIDS THE FIREMAN WHEN HOLDING THE PIPE AND IS USED TO CARRY CHARGED AND NON-CHARGED LINE UP A LADDER, STAIRWAY, FIRE ESCAPE, ETC.



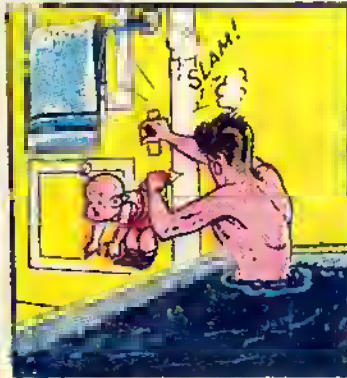
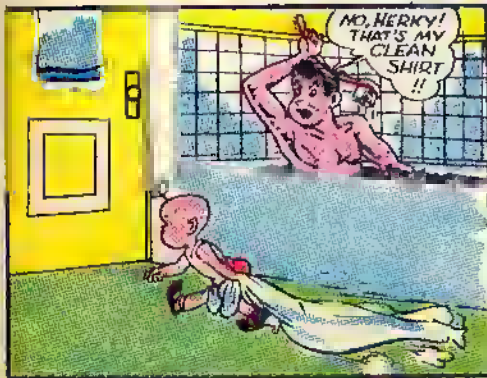
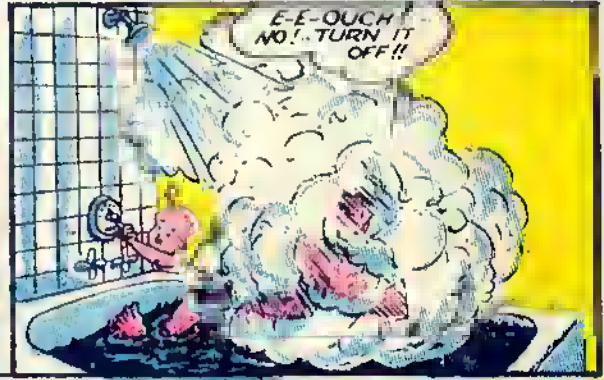
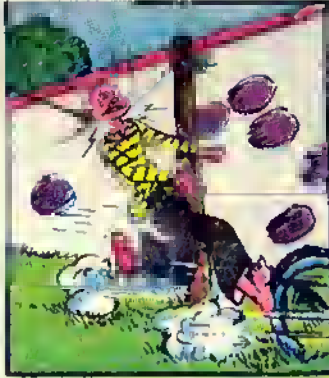
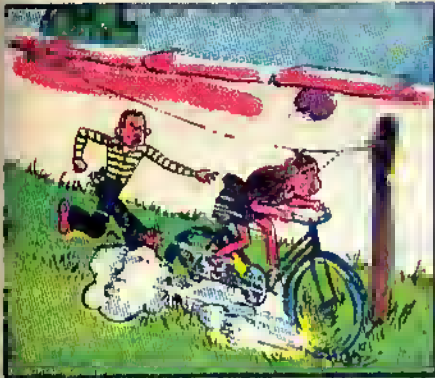
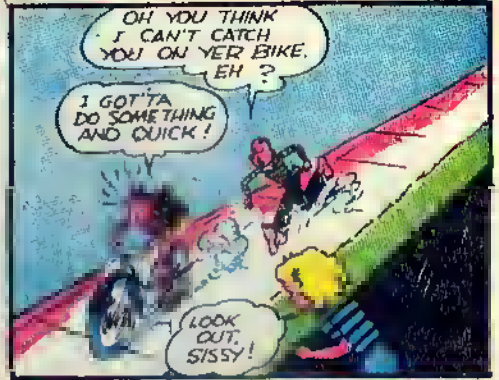
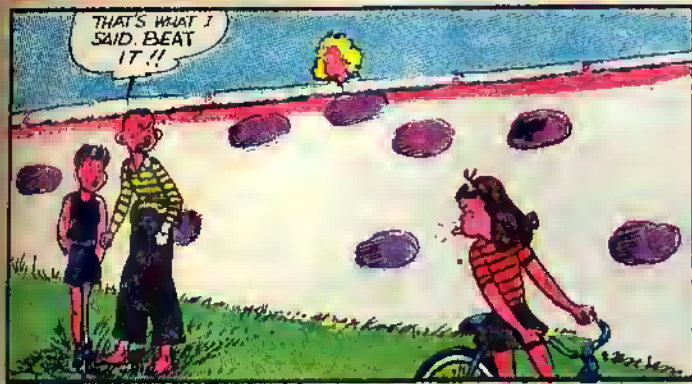
THE SPANNER STRAP IS CARRIED OVER THE RIGHT SHOULDER WITH THE SPANNER IRON PASSING THROUGH THE RING AND INSERTED IN THE LEFT POCKET. THIS PREVENTS THE SPANNER IRON FROM GETTING HOOKED ON ANYTHING WHILE ASCENDING OR DESCENDING LADDERS, FIRE ESCAPES, ETC.



WHEN ORDERED TO "STRAP IN" THE FIREMAN LEANS FORWARD AND LOWERS THE SPANNER IRON ON THE LADDER RUNGS. HE PERFORMS THIS OPERATION WITHOUT THE USE OF HIS HANDS THUS ENABLING HIM TO KEEP A FIRM GRASP ON THE LADDER AT ALL TIMES.

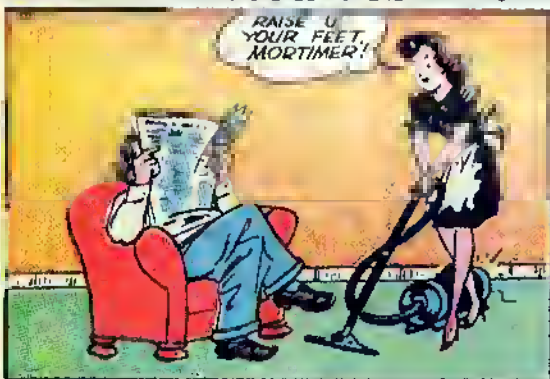
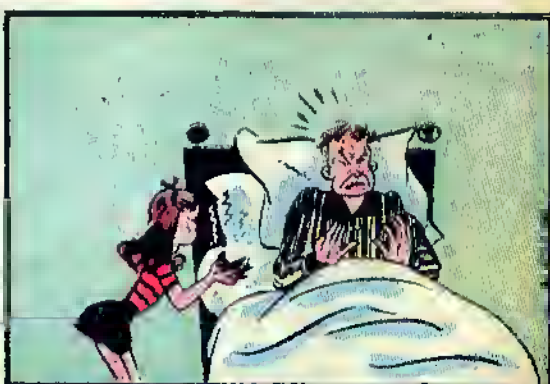
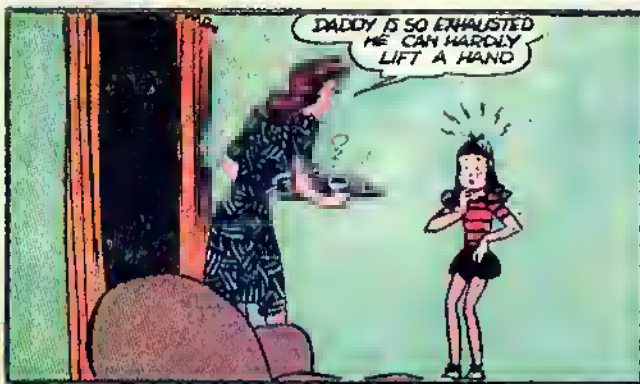
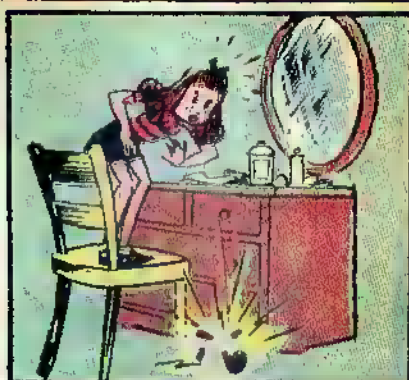
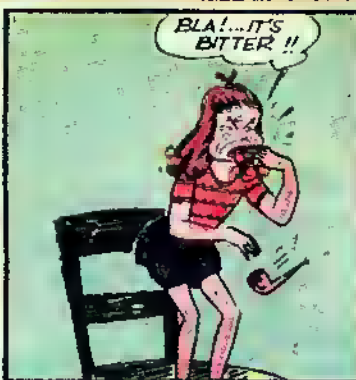
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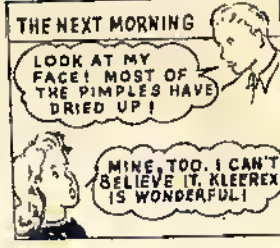
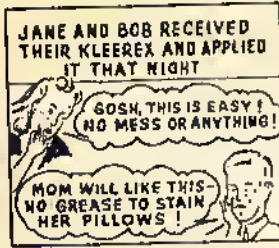


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